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## Alignment, Likud running close, Shamir calls for unity government

### New Knesset to have 14 factions

By DAVID LANDAU Post Political Correspondent

A divided nation yesterday brought in a divided electoral verdict. The results of yesterday's Knesset poll, computed on the basis of more than half of the returns, gave Labour 45 seats and Likud 42—a drop for both of the major blocs.

The outlook therefore is a desperate scramble by each of the two main blocs for alliances with the little parties, and, if both fail in that, a possible attempt at a unity government.

Labour and Likud leaders expressed optimism last night over their respective chances of knitting together a coalition.

The small parties, however, mostly preferred to wait for the final results before entering into serious negotiations with either of the two big blocs.

Ezer Weizman's Yahad, with its two seats, was cast in a pivotal role: its support will plainly be sought by both of the big blocs. But Weizman declared last night that he recommended a Labour-Likud unity government.

Other "swing" parties are the National Religious and Tami.

Defence Minister Moshe Arens said the election had been a defeat for Labour because, even though it had emerged the largest party, "the test is who can lead a coalition."



Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir (right) and Alignment leader Shimon Peres (left) cast their ballots yesterday in Tel Aviv and Ramat Aviv respectively. (Andre Bruttman)

### Alignment leads in cities, rural areas

According to partial final returns published at 1:45 a.m., the Alignment apparently held its own in most of the country's cities while the Likud lost votes as compared with 1981.

In Jerusalem, with 25.9 per cent of the vote counted (144 polling stations out of 556), the Alignment won 27.4 per cent of the vote (8,269 votes), the Likud 25.8 per cent (7,794 votes), Shas 6.5 per cent, Tehiya 5.3 per cent, Shinui 2.2 per cent, Eziav 1.2 per cent, the NRP 5.6 per cent, Agudat Yisrael 9.1 per cent, Ezer Weizman's Yahad 0.9 per cent, Ometz (Hurvitz) 1.2 per cent, Kach 2.1 per cent, Tami 1.4 per cent, Morasha 5.8 per cent and the CRM 3.1 per cent.

In Haifa, with the votes in from 190 polling stations out of 273, the Alignment scored 41.9 per cent, the NRP 2.7 per cent, Agudat Yisrael 0.9 per cent, Eziav 0.7 per cent, Shinui 4.45 per cent, the anti-income tax list 0.1 per cent, the Communists 2.8 per cent, Ben-Porat 0.2 per cent, Yahad 2.5 per cent, Ometz (Hurvitz) 1.6 per cent, Kach 0.8 per cent, the Likud 27.8 per cent, Tami 0.8 per cent, Morasha 1.6 per cent, the CRM 2.7 per cent and Tehiya 3.7 per cent.

In Tel Aviv, with 128 stations in out of 509, the Alignment had won 16,262 votes, the Likud 14,070, the NRP 1,134, Agudat Yisrael 693, Eziav 625, Shinui 1,493, the anti-

income tax list 22, the Communists 243, Ben-Porat 113, Ezer Weizman (Yahad) 780, Shas 1,137, Tehiya 1,600, Ometz 778, Ezra Zohar 166, Kach 277, Tami 263, the Tenants List 246, Morasha 459, Progressive List 400, the Disabled List 305, Flatto-Sharon 48, the CRM 1,569 and Indian immigrants (Integration) 25.

From early returns last night in rural areas, it appeared that the Alignment has held its own in the kibbutzim and increased its vote in the moshavim. In the Arab sector the Alignment scored well, but there were too few returns on which to base a clear pattern.

At Hamadiya, in the northern edge of the Beit She'an Valley, the Alignment scored 218, the CRM 17, Tehiya 10, the Likud 7, Ometz 5, Shinui 4, Eziav 2 and one each for Yahad and the Tenants Protection League.

At the left-wing Negev kibbutz of Keren Shalom, the CRM swept the poll with 32 votes. The Alignment won 9, the Progressive List for Peace 8, Hadash 3, Shinui 4 and Eziav 1.

The Hapoel Hamizrachi kibbutz Lavi in the North gave the NRP 123 votes, Tehiya 42, the Likud 24, Morasha 28, the Alignment 12 and Kach 4. Shinui won 3 votes and Shas, Ometz and the Disabled List 1.

The Alignment scored heavily in the moshavim, apparently surpassing its 1981 showing in most.

In Bustan Hagali in the North, the Alignment took 144 to the Likud's 33, Tehiya 17, the CRM 9, Ometz and Shinui 8, the NRP 5, Yahad 2 and other parties picking up one vote each.

At Netiv Ha'sara, populated mainly by ex-Yamit area residents, the Alignment won 40 votes to the Tehiya's 36, with the Likud running a poor third with 13, Kach 6, Ometz 6 and Shinui and the Disabled List one each.

The Hapoel Hamizrachi moshav of Biriya in the North gave 67 votes to the Likud and 66 to the Alignment, 43 to the NRP, 11 to Kach, 5 to Tehiya, 5 to Tami, 6 to the CRM, 4 to the Progressive List for Peace, 5 to Shinui, 3 to Ometz and 2 to Yahad. Eziav won 4 votes.

There were no major surprises in voting patterns in the Jewish settlements in the West Bank. At Shilo, a Gush Emunim stronghold, Tehiya and Morasha led with 45 votes each. The NRP took 13, Kach 9, the Likud 6, the CRM 2 and Ezer Weizman's Yahad list 1.

At Tekoa, in the Hebron Hills and a newer settlement, Tehiya took 46, the Likud 16, Morasha 9, the Alignment 4 and Ometz and Kach 7 each.

At Givat Ze'ev, north of Jerusalem, the Alignment did better, with 38 votes. But the Likud, with 120, and Tehiya, with 90, were in a clear lead. Here Ometz picked up 7

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Alignment leader Shimon Peres told activists at headquarters at 2:20 a.m. that he was sure the Alignment would clearly emerge the largest party and would be asked to form the next government.

He said the Alignment would do this willingly, but added that coalition negotiations would have to wait the final tally.

He did not reject outright the possibility of a national unity government.

"We'll set up as wide a government as possible based on an agreed programme."

A number of prominent Likud leaders were considering late last night proposing setting up a national unity government with the Labour Alignment that would be headed by former president Yitzhak Navon.

Such a move would be aimed at embarrassing the Labour Party leadership.

It seems certain that the new 120-member Knesset to assemble in three weeks' time will comprise no fewer than 14 factions.

Israel Television's psephologist Hanoch Smith gave sharply varying predictions as the night wore on —

triggering ups and downs in the moods at the different party headquarters.

Smith's early figures were based on 35 "exit polls" set up by TV staffers at his behest at selected polling stations around the country.

They showed a lead of three for Labour. Smith said it might grow slightly, but it would not narrow.

Later, as the first "true" results came in, Smith changed his analysis, predicting parity between the two big blocs.

Later still, Smith opened up a gap again in favour of Labour.

The election results — assuming they are borne out by the official returns — show, as widely predicted by the various pollsters, a strengthening of the smaller parties at the expense of the two main blocs.

The most notable achievements by the small parties were: the

Citizens' Rights Movement — from one to three seats, and Shinui — from two to four.

These two were Labour's "natural allies." With them and with Rakah (4) and the Progressives (1), Labour might be able to amass 58 seats. This means that if Ezer Weizman were to

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### BULLETIN: Alignment 46: Likud 42

With votes counted from over half the country's 4,500 polling stations, Hanoch Smith predicted at 2:30 this morning that the Alignment would win 46 Knesset seats, with the Likud winning 42.

The NRP, Shas, Tehiya and Rakah were expected to win four seats, Shinui three, Agudat Yisrael, Yahad, Tami and CRM two, and Ometz, PLP and Kach one each.

### Morasha favours coalition with Likud

The Morasha Party (Matzad-Poalei Agudat Yisrael), which was expected to win two Knesset seats by Hanoch Smith last night, said it favoured joining a coalition of parties faithful to the idea of a Greater Israel — the Likud, Tehiya and the NRP.

Speaking to *The Jerusalem Post* last night, party spokesman Yitzhak Hildesheimer said that while Morasha "does not exactly identify" with Kach, it does not rule out the

possibility of joining a coalition with the party.

Morasha, he said, also does not rule out joining a coalition with the Alignment, but said his party's doing so would depend on the Alignment's receptiveness to its views on Greater Israel and religious issues.

He said the chances of establishing a national unity government do not appear very good and that therefore his party has not yet formed a position in this regard.

### Weizman: Unity government essential

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
Yahad leader Ezer Weizman late last night recommended setting up a national unity government, even if his two-man party is not included in such a coalition.

Addressing his party faithful following long consultations by the Yahad leadership, Weizman said that he will not support either of the

two major blocs in their bid to form a coalition, since the nation and the country have to unite now. "We are facing crucial issues of war and peace and have to resolve our grave economic situation," he said, stressing that a national unity government was the only way out. He conceded that his bid to form a meaningful new party had not met with success.

### Tami to weigh joining coalition

Tami leader Abaon Abuhazzeira told an Israel TV interviewer at 2 a.m. that his party would have to weigh whether to join any coalition.

This would depend, he said, on how many seats Tami finally wins, and whether it would be to the national good to form a coalition

based on a very fragile margin. Abuhazzeira denied that his party had any previous arrangements with any of the main parties. He said that his party had been hurt among voters who believed there was a secret agreement between Tami and the Alignment.

### Likud confident of forming government

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
TEL AVIV. — Prime Minister Shamir was bidden by Deputy Prime Minister David Levy and Liberal Party leader Yitzhak Moda'i late last night at the Diplomat Hotel on strategies for forming the next government.

Confidence that the Likud could form the next coalition came after midnight with the Smith Research Centre projection on TV that the Likud had drawn neck-and-neck in the election with the Alignment.

The first Smith projection, at 10:15 p.m., had placed the Likud at 43 seats to the Alignment's 46. But

even that news had inspired quiet optimism. When the second projection was announced, the Likud headquarters erupted into a frenzy of cheers.

Levy, who had suggested that the technical delay in announcement of the first TV computer projection had occurred because the TV crew had not liked the results, said, "I believe this poll will prove correct, perhaps with a slight improvement in our favour. We'll start consultations within an hour."

Levy said the Likud would first discuss the results internally and

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### U.S. officials disappointed by TV exit-poll results

By WOLF BLITZER

Jerusalem Post Correspondent  
WASHINGTON. — U.S. officials were clearly disappointed by the likely outcome of yesterday's elections in Israel, as predicted by Israel TV's exit poll.

They had hoped that the Alignment would win a much more decisive victory and thus be in the position to form a strong coalition.

But with the outcome apparently closer than predicted in the opinion polls, the Americans were bracing for a prolonged period of uncertainty regarding the shape of the next Israeli government.

Even if the Alignment should form a government, American officials said it probably would be very fragile. It would be incapable of taking bold steps in pursuing the peace process with Jordan, they added.

U.S. officials, anxious to see Israeli-Jordanian talks begin next year, were hoping that the Alignment might still be able to convince the Liberals to leave the Likud. "But that's only an outside chance," one U.S. expert said.

The exit poll results surprised most U.S. officials, who had expected a larger Alignment victory. There was extensive coverage of the Israeli voting in the U.S. media.

The Americans felt that a national unity government remains a possibility, although they insist that that too is unlikely.

The only silver lining seen by the Americans was that the upcoming jockeying to form a coalition would occur between now and November, when the U.S. holds its presidential elections. U.S. officials expressed hope that some clearcut coalition majority would emerge before then.

### Ex-premier Begin does not cast vote

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Former premier Menachem Begin did not vote in yesterday's Knesset elections.

He failed to appear at polling station 400 at the Dubnow school here, where he is registered. Several photographers lingered around the station until the polls closed, hoping to get a picture of Begin.

They were told by one of the members of the poll committee: "He (Begin) is ill and doesn't feel well."

He can't come — so what do people want of him?"

In yesterday's *Ha'aretz* it was reported that the head of the Likud campaign, Knesset Member Ronni Milo, called Television House before the news programme on Sunday night and demanded that an item be broadcast to the effect that Begin supported the Likud and expected Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir to form the next government.

The head of TV news, Ya'ir Stern, asked for a directive from Central Elections Committee chairman Justice Gavriel Bach, who said that broadcasting such an item would constitute political propaganda. The item therefore was not broadcast.

After the news programme, according to *Ha'aretz*, Milo called Stern, son of pre-state Lehi underground leader Avraham "Yair" Stern, and castigated him.



Israel Defence Forces Chief of Staff Rav-Aluf Moshe Levy casts his vote at a polling station in Lebanon yesterday. (IDF)

### Shas will consider joining Alignment-led coalition

By MICHAEL EILAN and ROBERT ROSENBERG

Jerusalem Post Reporters

A Shas leader said last night that his party would consider a coalition with the Alignment even though the Sephardi ultra-Orthodox party's "natural preference is for the Likud."

Mayor of Jerusalem and one of the founders to the new party to which the television prediction gave three mandates, said Shas would consider which party could best serve the interest of its constituency. But he and Rabbi Raphael Pinhasi, also of Shas, said the decision rests in the hands of the party's rabbinical leaders and not its candidates for the Knesset.

In the crowded offices of the party, deep in the heart of Makor Baruch, the most heavily Sephardi section of the Orthodox and ultra-Orthodox neighbourhoods in north Jerusalem, Nissim Ze'ev explained: "The economy and matters of security aren't the basic things for us."

"What matters for us are the issues of Judaism, and our question is who can help us best now."

"Of course, while we are ready to talk with all the parties — and of course, our rabbis will speak with us — we are concerned about certain leftist extremists" such as Shulamit Aloni, and Shinui, Ze'ev said.

He then hastened to add "you also must remember that the Aguda was once with Labour, as well as with the Likud."



## The weather at major Swissair destinations

	MIN.	MAX.	
AMSTERDAM	14	22	Cloudy
BRUSSELS	12	22	Clear
BUCENY HIKES	5	11	Cloudy
CHICAGO	17	23	Cloudy
COPENHAGEN	19	26	Cloudy
FRANKFURT	18	26	Cloudy
GENEVA	18	21	Cloudy
HELSINKI	12	19	Cloudy
HONG KONG	28	32	Cloudy
JAKARTA	24	32	Cloudy
LONDON	15	26	Cloudy
MADRID	16	27	Cloudy
MONTREAL	14	27	Cloudy
NEW YORK	20	28	Cloudy
PARIS	15	27	Cloudy
RIO DE JANEIRO	13	22	Cloudy
SAO PAULO	12	21	Cloudy
STOCKHOLM	12	18	Cloudy
TOKYO	24	28	Cloudy
TORONTO	18	24	Cloudy
VIENNA	16	27	Cloudy
ZURICH	17	21	Cloudy

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## THE WEATHER

	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min-Max	Today's Max
Jerusalem	51	16-28	28
Golan	53	16-28	29
Nahariya	50	17-29	28
Safed	67	20-29	29
Tiberias	47	21-34	35
Nazareth	54	21-30	31
Sharm	50	19-29	29
Tel Aviv	64	23-31	31
B-G Airport	58	23-37	36
Jericho	40	17-36	39
Gaza	40	17-34	35
Beer Sheva	52	24-30	35
Eilat	17	28-40	40

## TV delay keeps

## country in suspense

Israel TV kept the country on the edge of its seat for 20 minutes last night, when a computer breakdown delayed the screening of an exit poll scheduled to be broadcast at 10:01 p.m.

The poll, conducted by TV teams under the supervision of statistician Hanoch Smith at 35 voting stations around the country, sought to predict the final count.

While the overall participation in the poll was 94 per cent, in the Arab sector voters did not cooperate for fear it was part of a spying operation. In Rishon LeZion, some religious voters objected to the poll, and in Jerusalem one voter disputed its legality and threatened to take the Broadcasting Authority to court.

## 'Happening' packs Jerusalem hotel

By JUDY SIEGEL

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Over 2,000 people packed the Ramada Renaissance Hotel in Jerusalem last night to mark election night at a "happening" organized by the hotel and The Jerusalem Post.

But only a few hundred could fit into the lecture hall, where they listened to instant analysis of the incoming election results and hypothesis about possible coalitions.

Israel TV coverage was broadcast live on a huge screen, which competed with loud musical entertainment.

Most of the speakers seemed surprised by the statistician Hanoch Smith's prediction shortly after 10 p.m. and said that if it were accurate, President Herzog would have an awesome task in deciding which party leader to call on to form the government.

## Two killed,

## three hurt

## in Lod clan fight

LOD (Itim). — Two persons were killed and three were injured, one gravely, in a fight last night here between two clans in the town's Hashmonai district.

The fight broke out because of a quarrel over a football game held earlier in the day. Police were trying to calm down the rival groups late last night.

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votes. Yahad 3, Morasha 7 and the CRM 2. Shas got 45 votes.

In Ramat Hamagshimim the Golan Heights, Morasha won 60 votes, Tzviya 34, the NRP 15, the Likud 5, Kach, the CRM and Ometz 2 each, and Shas and Shinui one each.

At Moshav Nov, Tzviya won 35, Morasha 36, the NRP 18, and Kach 3, to the Likud's one.

At the Druse village of Buk'ata on the Golan, the Alignment won 17 to the Likud's 11, Ezer Weizman 7 and Lova Eliaz 5. The NRP won 4 votes.

At Neve Eilan, a moshav shifuti outside Jerusalem which belongs to the TKN, the Alignment won 60 votes, the CRM 16, Tzviya 10, the Likud 9, Eliaz 8, Shinui 6, Morasha 3, Shas 1 and the NRP 2.

At the left-wing Negev kibbutz of Kerem Shalom, the CRM swept the poll with 32 votes. The Alignment won 9, the Progressive List for Peace 8, Hadash 3, Shinui 4 and Eliaz 1.

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# HOME AND WORLD NEWS

## Election day in Jlem turns into quiet holiday

By MICHAEL EILAN

Jerusalem Post Reporter

While the chairmen of polling stations were reporting a "quiet election day," Jerusalem lapsed into a strange, still holiday.

"Well, it's like a cease-fire," said a man walking hand-in-hand with his daughter down the Ben-Yehuda mall. "It's neither a proper holiday nor a working day, and nobody can do any shopping."

The few people in the centre of Jerusalem seemed to be strolling aimlessly. In the cafes people were talking quietly, with hardly any of the political arguments of the last few weeks.

Most shops were closed, and the owners of the few open ones said they were going to close because business was so slow.

Several hundred people took to the Sacher Park below the Knesset for picnics, but these were quiet family affairs. A middle-aged woman watching her husband fan a small barbecue said quietly: "Listen, on all (religious) holidays I have to cook when we get back from a picnic. Today everything stops until 10 o'clock" (when the first television projection was scheduled).

If anybody needed any reminder of the elections, the only busy people in the streets seemed to be sweaty activists driving cars plastered with stickers and posters. Watching two teenagers adding a few more stickers on a car, an elderly man said caustically: "Today, they need us."

Up until the late afternoon, the Jerusalem regional election committee had relatively few complaints to handle. One of these concerned a polling station in the Orthodox Bayit Vagan neighbourhood where several men refused to vote because of what they called the immodest dress of the chairwoman of the polling station and her aide. The women covered up and voting proceeded.

Other people could not find an East Talpiot polling station that appeared mysteriously in Shuafat.

A more serious incident occurred in Kiryat Telz-Stone, an Orthodox residential area in the hills near Jerusalem, where police were last night looking for a member of the polling station committee. The man allegedly tried to stuff the ballot box with Aguda slips while the Shas chairman of the committee was in the toilet. Yesterday, the national elections committee was considering whether to invalidate all the votes in the box.

The chairman of the national elections committee, Justice Gavriel Bach, toured two polling stations with Interior Minister Yosef Burg. Accompanied by senior police officers, members of the diplomatic corps, election committee officials and lots of journalists, Bach visited the regional elections committee, the town major's office where voting results for the Israel Defence Forces' central command are collected, and a polling station near the Jaffa Gate.

## Orderly polling, packed cafes in Tel Aviv

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV. — Yitzhak Shamir and Shimon Peres cast their ballots yesterday morning at their polling stations here, highlighting a generally quiet and orderly election day here.

Shamir and his wife Shulamit, full of smiles, cast their votes at 9 a.m. at their polling station at the Ohel Y'a'acov school on Hamelitz Street. Shamir obliged the battery of waiting photographers by sliding his envelope into the ballot box very slowly.

"I hope that the next coalition will be better and more stable than the present one and that we will be able

to form a national unity government," he told local and foreign reporters.

One hour earlier, Peres voted at his polling station at the Arazim school in Ramat Aviv. He declined to make any predictions as to the outcome of the vote, saying that he would be glad to speak at midnight. On his way out of the polling station, Peres shook hands with the head of the Alignment's election campaign, MK Mordechai Gur, who votes at the same station.

Voting proceeded quietly at most of Tel Aviv's polling stations, which serve 283,244 eligible voters. Meanwhile, thousands of people

crowded onto the beaches and went bathing, despite the black flags and warnings by municipal inspectors not to enter the water, due to the life-guards strike.

Dizengoff Street was packed with families and groups of youngsters strolling on the pavements, and cafes and restaurants were full of people. Although most of the shops were closed and the supermarkets and groceries closed at 10 a.m., the few stores that remained opened did terrific business.

Commercial streets in the centre of town, such as King George and Nahalat Binyamin that are usually clogged with traffic, were almost empty.

apparently did not swing the vote in favour of the Likud, judging by random interviews by The Jerusalem Post here yesterday.

One former Likud supporter in this former front-line town told The Post that he voted for the Alignment for the first time yesterday. "I'm as much concerned for the state of the country and its economy as for the security of my home town, and that is why I voted for the Alignment this time. I think the time has come for a change," he said.

Not everybody, however, has forsaken the Likud. One young mother said that before the war her children had been frightened to go out at night because of the danger of terrorist attacks.

The elections were a holiday for the locals but not for the hotels, Nahariya's major industry. While the beaches were packed, the hotels were only half full.

## Only minor complications in South

By YITZHAK OKED

Jerusalem Post Reporter

RISHON LEZION. — Voting in the South proceeded in general without incident yesterday. In a typically minor complication here, a polling station opened 50 minutes late when the chairman of the station committee overslept.

Later in the morning, shoppers in a local supermarket snatched up sugar, coffee and other items whose

## Rubinstein optimistic, pleased with results

Shinui leader Amnon Rubenstein's initial reaction to the Smith forecast, which gave his party four seats, double its present representation, was one of optimism. He said he was sure that the Alignment could form the next government, and was pleased with his party's predicted increased Knesset representation.

prices are expected to go up soon. One man bought a dozen bottles of beer and said, "I'm going to get drunk tonight either way, whether my party wins or loses."

In Ashdod, Yehoshua Peretz, once a firebrand chairman of the Port Workers' Committee, stood in line to find out where he must vote. When he was told that the computer had sent him to a different area of the city, he let out a juicy curse but did not make a scene as he is known to have done in the past.

Alignment leader Shimon Peres came to check how the voting was going in Ashdod. He was warmly received and forced to partake of some spicy Moroccan dishes.

BLOOD. — Magen David Adom reported yesterday that only 250 donors answered the MDA special appeal for blood during the strike last week.

## Voting turnout - 78.5%

The voting turnout for yesterday's 11th Knesset elections was 78.5 per cent of all eligible voters, similar to that in the last elections. This emerges from figures compiled by the Central Elections Committee after the polls closed.

In the Jewish sector the turnout was 79 per cent. In the Arab sector it was 74.6 per cent, compared with 69.7 per cent in the last elections.

The country's kibbutzim had an 86.3 per cent turnout, and in the major cities it was 75.4 per cent. (Itim)

## Bomb demolishes car of police patrol chief

PETAH TIKVA (Itim). — A bomb explosion here last night destroyed the car of the Kfar Sava police patrol coordinator. No one was hurt.

The bomb went off at about 3 a.m., when the car was parked outside the policeman's home.

Three suspects have been arrested. The police believe the bomb was meant to "scare the police."



Picnickers enjoy the election day holiday in Jerusalem's Independence Park yesterday. (Rahamim Israeli)

## Election business as usual at well-guarded Likud HQ

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Likud's national headquarters at Merzudat Ze'ev here were yesterday surrounded by Border Policemen armed with M-16 assault rifles. Inside the building, secret service agents were seen, but a police inspector there said at noon that there had been no incidents.

The generally quiet atmosphere was reflected also at the campaign headquarters' legal department. Several Likud lawyers were there to provide advice in case of trouble, but they seemed unemployed. One of them told The Jerusalem Post at noon that all the problems that had arisen were minor.

At the Likud's Tel Aviv headquarters, at the Liberal Party building in

Rehov Ibn Gvirol, the busiest room appeared to be the one in which secretaries went through voters lists to help supporters find their polling stations.

After voting at 9 a.m., Prime Minister Shamir set off on a tour of polling stations and party branches in several towns and cities. His first stop was in Ashdod.

The Likud had car pools to take voters from their homes to polling stations and back. The central pool was at Ganei Hata'arucha in north Tel Aviv, which controlled 50 vehicles — some rented and some belonging to volunteers.

But a taxi driver there told The Post at 2 p.m. that he had been there since 7 a.m. and had not received even one assignment.

## Alignment HQ functions with military efficiency

By ROY ISACOVITZ

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Alignment elections headquarters functioned with military efficiency yesterday, with reports flowing non-stop from regional headquarters throughout the country.

Lawyers were constantly on hand to deal with complaints of electoral infringements and to refer them to the central elections committee in Jerusalem when necessary.

The most serious complaints concerned Alignment voting slips having been replaced with slips from the 1981 elections, and in Kfar Sava, Alignment slips having been glued together. In both instances, elections committee chairman Justice Gavriel Bach ruled that the votes were valid.

Party officials said that the mas-

sive operation was proceeding "exceptionally smoothly." They reported few instances of violence, though a few "provocations" had been reported to the elections committee. One concerned an Israel Defence Forces truck bearing a large Likud sign.

Alignment leader Shimon Peres voted at 8 a.m. yesterday at the Arazim school near his home in Ramat Aviv. When a reporter asked him which party he had voted for, he replied: "I voted my conscience."

After voting, Peres left for Ashdod and a wide-ranging tour of polling stations.

As the long day of voting drew to a close, the Alignment headquarters moved to the Palace Hotel, where the Alignment leaders intended to wait for the results together along with some 400 local and foreign journalists.

## Agudat Yisrael hoping for three seats

In an interview with Israel Radio last night after the first results were broadcast, Agudat Yisrael leader Avraham Shapira said he still hoped the party would gain three seats. The exit poll gave the party two seats, down from its present four.

He said that Aguda had lost ground to Shas because some Ashkenazi voters for Aguda in the past had gone over to the new party.

He said that Shas were "our brothers."

As for taking part in a coalition, Shapira said that Aguda would have to wait until today and more results to decide on its stand.

Shapira said later that a government with 61 or 62 Knesset seats could not carry out the painful actions which the state of the economy requires.

## Tami disappointed; Shas took some votes

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Although Tami spokesmen said around midnight that the first results of the voting were still sketchy, they admitted that if the trend continued it would be a disappointment.

They said they thought Shas had taken votes from Tami, which had hoped for 3 or 4 mandates and was predicted to get only one.

MK Aharon Abuhatzira said the results were only a sample, and the real results may still be different. "However, if the results don't change, then Tami has failed," he said.

## Exit poll shocks Yahad

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Shock, disbelief and disappointment struck Yahad activists and leaders at their election headquarters here after the first television election prediction was made last night. The exit poll gave Yahad two seats.

Yahad leaders had expected at least four mandates. "We had 70,000 signatures of people who were going to vote for us," said Shlomo Amar, Yahad campaign chairman.

A feeling of failure prevailed. Ezer Weizman did not show up at the headquarters, and refused to comment on the sample results, but promised to come later.

Asked earlier in the evening what party Yahad would like to form a coalition, Weizman said, "I have friends in the Likud, but I don't like the way they're going. I don't have any friends in the Alignment, but I like their way better."

Weizman said he was waiting for a phone call from one of the big parties to invite him to join a coalition.

Binyamin Eliezer, No. 2 on the Yahad list, tried to encourage the crestfallen activists. "The night is still young, and long," he said. "We shall wait until morning; some of the data we have before the TV samples. You will see, in the morning, we'll have a big smile on our faces."

## Tzviya won't sit with Likud — Genuis Cohen

Jerusalem Post Staff

Genuis Cohen, No. 3 on the Tzviya list, told Israel Radio that her party would not make a coalition with the Likud at any cost.

She said that a grab-bag coalition would not be able to carry out the proper policy regarding Judea and Samaria. The presence of the Yahad list especially would make such a Likud-led coalition unwieldy, she said.

Cohen said the voters had given a signal that they trusted no one party with decisive power. She suggested that new elections should be held, but with a 5-per-cent threshold to enter the Knesset.

## Unity government

## a necessity — Ben-Meir

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Yehuda Ben-Meir (National Religious Party) said last night that no party will be able to form a stable government and that therefore a national unity government must be established — even if it means the NRP being on the outside.

Speaking on Israel Radio, Ben-Meir said that a government with 62 or 63 seats — with the small parties in opposition to one another — cannot hold out.

CAMP DAYS. — About 70 13-year-old boys and girls whose fathers fell in paratroop and armoured corps battles left yesterday for five weeks in a summer camp in Canada. Guests of the Canadian Jewish community and B'nai B'rith.

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## Topless voter briefly stirs electoral passions

Jerusalem Post Staff  
Residents of Upper Tiberias Ilit were astonished yesterday afternoon when a young woman entered their neighbourhood and removed her blouse and brassiere, displaying political party stickers she had pasted on her breasts.

Shocked onlookers called the police, but the woman left before they arrived. There was some dispute over which party stickers had been displayed, with Likud and Alignment activists all claiming the woman had favoured their parties.

With the exception of this incident and a few minor irregularities, election day passed calmly throughout the country. Beaches and other resort areas were packed with families taking advantage of the election holiday and there was normal traffic both inbound and outbound at Ben-Gurion Airport.

**PAIRING OFF**  
Many hundreds of Israelis forfeited their right to vote by leaving the country yesterday for vacations abroad. Airline representatives reported normal heavy traffic for the summer season, with no extra flights scheduled for returning citizens.

Departing Israelis gave various excuses for not being able to stay for the elections, but perhaps the best explanation was given by one couple who cited the parliamentary practice of *kizuz* (cancelling out by pairing off) undertaken by Knesset members of opposing parties going abroad before an important vote. The husband explained that he and his wife were leaving with a clear

conscience, since he would have voted for the Likud and his wife would have voted for the Alignment.

**FREE RIDE**  
Scores of vacationing voters in Galilee yesterday took advantage of the provision for free transportation to polling places to travel from their camping spots to their homes in the centre of the country and back, at public expense. They lined up in the morning at the regional election headquarters in Safad and received free bus tickets, good for a round-trip on presentation of a voting stamp in their identity booklets.

**FREE BABYSITTING**  
Various parties in Bnei Brak provided free babysitting services at their headquarters yesterday in an effort to enable more women to vote than in previous elections. Although party officials reported many mothers taking advantage of the new service.

**STICKY BUSINESS**  
Polling officials in Ramle yesterday replaced hundreds of voting slips after unknown voters sprayed glue over the slips of certain parties while secluded in the voting booths. Partisan voters in other areas removed the slips of various parties from the booths, but these were quickly replaced by officials.

In Givatayim and Ramat Gan, officials reported finding Alignment voting slips from previous elections, which might have been disqualified had they been used. Voting was suspended until the officials re-

moved all the obsolete slips.

Voting was held up briefly at Moshav Ilaniya near Tiberias after a crack was discovered in the ballot box, which was feared would not contain the ballots. An election official soon arrived and repaired the box with adhesive paper, signed by members of the regional elections committee.

**QUESTIONABLE VOWS**  
A complaint was filed with the Ashkelon regional elections committee yesterday after the Tami Party bussed voters from Kiryat Gat to Netivot for a "swearing in" ceremony at the tomb of Rabbi Yisrael Abuhatzzeira, known as Baba Sali, the late uncle of Tami leader Aharon Abuhatzzeira. At the tomb the voters reportedly vowed to vote for Tami.

**DAWN VOTER**  
Some 600 residents of the Mishan home for the aged in Givatayim yesterday awoke at dawn in order to vote. One woman, who uses a walker to get about, made her way on foot unaided to her nearby polling station and was proud to be the first voter there. At Mishan and at other homes for the aged around the country, transportation was provided by volunteers for residents who needed it.

**SEPARATE BUT EQUAL**  
Rival clans in the village of Deir Hanna in Western Galilee voted at different times yesterday, by prior agreement, in order to avoid possible friction.

In the Negev, Beduin voters also went to the polls at different hours,

segregated according to sex. The men voted in the morning and the women in the afternoon, at 51 polling stations.

**NO-SHOW**  
Voting by members of the Beduin Arab al-Tivon tribe in Western Galilee was held up for several hours yesterday morning when local election officials failed to arrive at the polling station. Judge Eliezer Fichman, chairman of the regional elections committee, appointed a new polling committee by telephone and the voting began after a nearly three-hour delay.

**DEMOCRACY ON PARADE**  
Beersheba Mayor Eliahu Navi yesterday hosted Abdul Tawila, the diplomatic editor of the Egyptian weekly, *Rose al-Yusuf*, who came to see Israeli democracy in action. Tawila accompanied Navi on a tour of polling places and was also the guest of Judge Yitzhak Shabtai, chairman of the Negev region elections committee.

**THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL**  
Police Inspector-General Rav-Nitzav Arye Ivztan yesterday was prevented from voting when he could not produce part of his identity card. Ivztan, on a tour with police officials of polling stations in the Little Triangle, sought to vote at Taibe.

To his dismay, he could not produce the appendix of the new-version identity card, which comes in two parts. The chagrined Ivztan had to wait until he returned to Jerusalem, where he voted at his local polling station.



President Herzog casts his ballot yesterday in Jerusalem, as Central Elections Committee chairman Justice Gavriel Bach (left) looks on. (Rahamim Israeli)

## Herzog praises conduct of campaign

By JUDY SIEGEL  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Voting in Jerusalem for the first time since moving to Beit Hanassi from Herzliya Pituah, President Chaim Herzog said yesterday that he is "moved every time" elections are held.

Herzog, accompanied by his wife Aura, cast his ballot without hesitation at polling station No. 137 in Moadon Ha'oleh in the Talbiyah quarter. They were greeted at the gate of the former mansion by Supreme Court Justice Gavriel Bach, the chairman of the Central Elections Committee.

Herzog noted that it was the first election day in a long time in which he was personally involved in campaigning. "This time, I was like

every citizen, watching and looking," said the former Labour Knesset member. The president congratulated Bach on his "fine job" as chairman of the committee. He agreed with Bach's statement that the election campaign was relatively quiet and respectable.

For hundreds of years, Jews dreamed of having the privilege of voting for a government in their own state, Herzog said. Thus every election day is a moving event.

Asked when he would begin consulting with the heads of the various parties to learn who they support as prime minister, Herzog said he did not know yet, but would act accordingly to the provisions set down in the law.



Arab citizens vote yesterday in Umm al-Fahm. (Selinger, IPPA)

## Quiet polling day provides little work for law officers

By ROBERT ROSENBERG  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Some 4,000 policemen, soldiers, Border Policemen, Civil Defence guards and other security officers were on duty yesterday to preserve order during election day. They didn't have much to do.

By 7 p.m., only nine incidents had been reported throughout the country and they involved only one arrest.

An Ashdod man was caught trying to switch some voting slips before they went into the ballot box and was arrested. In Nahariya, three Kach supporters were held for questioning because of a disturbance they created at a polling station.

In Tiberias, two swastikas with accompanying anti-Alignment slogans were painted on walls, while in Majdal Shams in the Golan Heights a Syrian flag was raised in the main square but quickly removed by local policemen.

The Progressive List for Peace hung four-colour stickers throughout Nazareth and the police said the multi-coloured leaflets were against the law. The list's leaders will be called in for questioning. The fact that the four colours included the red, black and green of the Palestinian flag was not the crime, but rather the use of more than two colours, police sources said.

In Me'a She'arim, as happens during every election season, Natorei Karta activists stoned some "Zionist party" vehicles, while in Shmuel Hanavi in Jerusalem, an elderly man complained that a Shas activist had "borrowed" an identity card, apparently to use for multiple voting. Although there is nothing illegal in "borrowing" an ID card, police sources said, the Shas activist was "warned against bending the rules."

In Kiryat Malachi, an activist for Ezer Weizman's Yahad list tried to gain entry to the polling station committee room. The problem, however, was that while the activist was a woman, the document identifying her was in the name of a man. She was taken in for questioning and released.

And in Kiryat Ata, the police were called in to remove an apparently mentally unbalanced woman who insisted on her "God-given right" to vote twice.

## Bombs thrown at IDF near Gaza

JABALYA (Itim). - An explosive device was thrown at an Israel Defence Forces patrol in this refugee camp north of Gaza on Sunday night, but no injuries or damage were caused by the blast.

During an IDF search for the throwers of the device, a second bomb, which failed to go off, was thrown at the soldiers.

The bombs were made from iron pipes stuffed with matches and nails. Also in Jabalya, a resident yesterday discovered two unexploded artillery shells in his yard and called IDF sappers, who exploded them. It is believed that the shells were hidden in the yard some time ago and those who hid them never came to pick them up.

## Many Haredim vote despite warnings

By GREER FAY CASHMAN  
and JUDY SIEGEL  
Jerusalem Post Reporters

Despite the posters in Jerusalem's Me'a She'arim quarter warning that participation in the national elections is a violation of Torah, the driver of an Agudat Yisrael car transporting voters to and from the polling stations had the temerity to park right in the middle of Rehov Me'a She'arim.

Some local residents swiftly surrounded the vehicle, heaping curses on the driver and ordering him out of their area.

Shops in the street opened later than usual, but by 11.30 a.m. there were few indications that yesterday was different from any other week day.

Whether they voted or not, Jerusalem's Haredim were hardly indifferent to the elections. Some students at the Toldot Aharon yeshiva, hired a large American car and parolled the streets to make sure that those of their people with voting rights did not give in to the tempta-

tion of voting in the "Zionist elections." There were no polling stations in Me'a She'arim itself. The nearest were in Geula and Musrara. "Don't let the posters fool you," said Haim K., a red-bearded young man in the Me'a She'arim market. "Lots of people living here vote. We're not all Natorei Karta." He was referring to the militantly anti-Zionist Orthodox group.

The night before, a large gathering of Haredim listened to sermons by rabbis of the Natorei Karta who harangued against the voting process. However, Haredim of the area were seen going to the Education Ministry at the quarter's border with Musrara and casting their ballots, presumably for Agudat Yisrael or Shas.

A woman who kept open her grocery store in Rehov Me'a She'arim said that the power of Natorei Karta and opposition to the elections was exaggerated, and that many people in the neighbourhood do vote.



Me'a She'arim resident shields his face from the photographer yesterday in Jerusalem while passing a poster that forbids participation in the Knesset elections. (Dan Landau)

## The country goes to the polls — but not without incident

Jerusalem Post Staff  
and Itim:

Some polling stations opened later than the scheduled 7 a.m. yesterday and there were some infringements and irregularities during the voting.

A bus carrying polling station committees to the Golan Heights yesterday morning collided with a police car when it set out from the regional elections committee in Tiberias yesterday morning. No one was hurt, but because of the accident 16 Golan Heights polling stations opened half an hour late.

A school janitor who slept in caused a half-hour delay in the opening of the polling station at the Elim school in Tiberias. Members of the polling station committee arrived at the school but found it locked. Someone was sent to get the keys from the janitor.

A polling station in Kiryat Ono failed to open on time because the polling committee's secretary couldn't find it. It opened after a police patrol showed him where it was.

Four other Dan South stations opened half an hour late because the stamps for stamping voters' identity cards were missing. The stamps were rushed over by the regional elections committee.

At a Haifa polling station, where there was an Israel Television exit poll, a woman voter refused to cast a ballot because she suspected that the TV had installed a secret camera in the polling booth. The exit poll is a dummy poll set up by the TV at which voters were asked to vote as they had done in the official poll. The polling committee swore that there was no hidden camera, but the woman was not persuaded.

Shinui headquarters told of an illiterate voter in Kiryat Gat who insisted that a friend join him in the booth to help him vote. Though the local committee chairman allowed the request, the local Shinui committee member appealed. Later Justice Gavriel Bach, chairman of the Central Elections Committee, ruled that illiterates are not allowed to have voting assistants.

Agudat Yisrael headquarters reported that in Bnei Brak a voter was informed that he had already voted. It turned out that his name had been deleted from the list when another man with the same name cast his ballot.

A Kiryat Motzkin man insisted on voting on behalf of his father, who, he said, was abroad undergoing medical treatment. The man had his father's identity card and a telegram from his father "empowering" him to vote by proxy. The polling committee explained that the law does not allow voting by proxy. "But what will I tell my father?" the man muttered as he left the station.

The chairman of the Haifa-Carmel regional election committee ruled yesterday afternoon that vehicles of Solei Boneh, the Histadrut and other public bodies that bore party stickers stop transporting voters to the polls. The order came after Likud activists in Kiryat Motzkin complained that government and Solei Boneh cars that were bussing voters were bedecked with Alignment stickers.

In Haifa, Alignment headquarters complained that activists from Ezer Weizman's Yahad party were campaigning outside a polling station at the Herzl school, in Rehov Tzidkiyahu. The police dispersed the activists.

Morasha (Matzad-Poalei Agudat Yisrael) headquarters reported that ballots bearing the letters for its party (Ayin-Dalet) had been found torn on the floor of at least 10 polling booths around the country. The party asked Bach to recognize as valid torn slips found in voters' envelopes.

## IDF in Lebanon in second day of balloting

SIDON (Itim). - Voting by Israeli soldiers in Lebanon, which started Sunday, continued yesterday as the bridges over the Awali River were closed to Lebanese traffic and a high state of alert was observed by all Israel Defence Forces units.

The measures were taken to minimize the chance of terrorist attacks on soldiers at polling stations.

## Golan Druse cast vote in first Israeli election

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

KIRYAT SHMONA. - Most of the 220 Druse residents of the Golan Heights who hold Israeli citizenship voted for the first time yesterday in Israeli general elections.

Because of threats against them in their villages, they cast their ballots

at two Jewish settlements, Elrom and Neveh Ativ.

Golan Druse elders had lately threatened that those who voted would be ostracized.

On Sunday night, a Syrian flag was raised over a schoolhouse in Majdal Shams and a petrol bomb was thrown at the local council building, but no one was hurt.

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## Lebanon prepares to extend control in militia-held areas

BEIRUT (Reuters). — Lebanese Prime Minister Rashid Karamé yesterday held out hope that his government could extend its authority over the militia-held Shouf and Aley mountains this week in the second stage of its so far successful security plan.

After a meeting with President Amin Jemayel in the presidential palace outside the capital, Karamé told reporters: "We hope it will happen as soon as possible, and I hope it will be this week."

If all goes well, a mainly Druse-Moslem army brigade will replace the mainly Druse Progressive Socialist Party (PSP) militia in the mountains southeast of Beirut, dismantling the front lines around the strategic town of Souq al-Gharb.

One of the main obstacles to the operation has been Christian demands that all 250,000 or so Christ-

ian refugees from the Druse-held area be allowed back to their homes.

Druse chieftain Walid Jumblatt, leader of the PSP and a minister in Karamé's government, said Sunday the party had agreed in principle to let the refugees back.

Most of the Christians fled the Shouf and Aley areas last September during the "mountain war" between the PSP on one side and the Lebanese Army and the Christian Lebanese Forces militia on the other.

Lebanon, meanwhile, has cancelled the travel documents it had issued to the staff at the Israeli liaison office in Dbaiye, where Lebanese troops are still standing guard, official sources said yesterday. The sources said that the short-term passes, for free movement in and around Beirut will not be renewed.



Vanessa Williams in a happier time — when she won the Miss America crown in Atlantic City last September. (UPI telephoto)

## Miss America didn't think nude photos would be shown

NEW YORK (AP). — Vanessa Williams, the reigning Miss America, says she does not remember ever signing a release for nude photographs taken of her two years ago, and that the pictures were to have been private.

The pictures, to be published in the September issue of *Penthouse* magazine, prompted Miss America Pageant officials to request her resignation.

The 21-year-old beauty queen was to announce her decision at a news conference yesterday.

"I guess no one owns the right to the pictures. It's a legal question," she said in a telephone interview with the Associated Press. "I don't recall signing anything with (photographer) Tom (Chapell). I remember signing a form as a model. Every model at the registry had to fill one out."

Williams said she was assured by Chapell that the pictures — showing her in intimate positions with another woman — were to be artistic photographs, never to be shown

publicly, and that she would not be identifiable in them.

She said that Albert Marks, Jr., executive director of the pageant, was "very reassuring" when she talked to him, adding, "We all make mistakes. He was very supportive and compassionate."

According to *Penthouse* publisher Bob Guccione, who bought the pictures from Chapell, the magazine does have a signed release.

Williams, the first black to win the title, is the first Miss America to be asked to step down.

Pageant officials feared the publication of the photographs would hurt the "wholesome" image of the contest. They said they asked Williams to resign because the photographs put her in violation of clauses in her contract involving morals and upholding the pageant's image.

Suzette Charles, the first runner-up in last September's pageant, said she was prepared to honour her contract with the pageant that would require her to serve out the term of Miss America. Charles is also black.

## Apologetic youths confess, return Little Mermaid's arm

COPENHAGEN (AP). — Two Danish youths who surrendered "with one arm, two hangovers and lots of apologies" ended the mystery of who had sawed off the right arm of the Little Mermaid, Denmark's most famous statue, the police said yesterday.

The two, 18 years old, admitted they had cut off the bronze statue's 40-centimetre arm with a hacksaw as a drunken prank early Sunday morning. Their names were not disclosed by a duty officer, who said they were charged with vandalizing public property and released pending trial.

The gap in the Little Mermaid's arm — from her shoulder to the hand attached to a stone where she perches — sparked 24 hours of speculation and drew thousands more

Danes and tourists than usual Sunday to the statue in Copenhagen harbour.

The youths told the police they vandalized the statue early Sunday after having too much to drink on Saturday night.

"They said that, after sobering up, they realized that so many companions knew about it that they didn't have a chance," a police spokesman said. "We already had received a couple of tips, so we probably would have found them today anyway."

He said: "They came to the police station with one arm, two hangovers and lots of apologies."

The vandalism was discovered early Sunday by a couple strolling on the deserted Langelinie Pier where the statue was placed in 1913.

## Egypt plans 'major steps' on Arab ties

CAIRO (AP). — Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel Meguid was quoted yesterday as saying that Egypt would take "major steps" in improving relations with its Arab neighbours, severed after Egypt signed its 1979 peace treaty with Israel.

Government newspaper *al-Ahram* quoted Abdel Meguid, Egypt's former delegate to the U.N., as saying that both Egypt and the Arab countries were interested in eliminating the gap between them.

Abdel Meguid was sworn in as foreign minister last Tuesday as part of the new cabinet headed by Prime Minister Kamal Hassan Ali, who held the foreign minister portfolio in the old government.

Seventeen Arab states severed diplomatic ties with Egypt following its 1979 peace treaty with Israel. Since President Hosni Mubarak took over in October 1981, contacts between Egypt and most Arab states have improved, although none of the 17 has restored full relations.

## Spain advises shippers to avoid Gulf war zone

MADRID (Reuters). — Spain has advised shipowners not to send vessels to the Gulf, after Iraq failed to guarantee that it would not attack Spanish shipping, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said yesterday.

The move follows two requests to Iraq for safe passage for Spanish-flag carriers after an Iraqi air attack on a Liberian tanker last month, in which seven Spaniards were killed. Iraq had not replied, the spokesman told Reuters.

"It's not a prohibition but an official recommendation to avoid problems," he said.

## Nigeria won't pay its debts until Britain returns Dikko

By HYAM CORNEY  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent  
LONDON. — The Nigerian government has warned that "massive international debts will not be settled" until former transport minister Umaru Dikko is returned to that country, according to a front-page report in yesterday's *Daily Mail*.

The report says that the Nigerians "have let it be known on the business grapevine that, since Dikko was responsible for running up much of his country's debts, it is up to Big Business to deliver him to Lagos for trial." Whitehall, the report adds, "has ordered discreet inquiries among European banking establishments, including some in Switzerland, to find if the charges are true."

The Foreign Office said yesterday that it had not had "any official approach from the Nigerian government about returning Dikko, who is living at a secret hideaway in the country under police protection. A Foreign Office spokesman added that "if they want to extradite Dikko, there is machinery in existence for this. So far they have made no application."

Last week, the same paper reported that "a desperate bid" by Dikko to escape to the U.S. had failed when his application for a temporary visitor's visa was turned down by U.S. immigration officials, who also revoked his multi-entry visa issued two years ago. Dikko's visitor's visa to Britain was extended last month until the end of the year.

Dikko, 47, fled Nigeria when a military coup last December 31 toppled the civilian administration of president Shugu Shagari. He has been accused by Maj.-Gen. Muhammadu Buhari's military government of having made a fortune out of illegal kickbacks for awarding contracts.

Dikko was kidnapped July 5 near his London home and later found drugged at a London airport in a crate addressed to the Nigerian Foreign Ministry in Lagos. A Nigerian diplomat and three Israelis charged in the foiled kidnapping are awaiting trial.

After the incident, Britain and Nigeria each expelled two diplomats and recalled their respective ambas-

## Thousands demand Marcos quit

MANILA, Philippines (AP). — President Ferdinand Marcos told the National Assembly yesterday his emergency powers make a return to martial law unnecessary. He was speaking shortly after police used tear gas and truncheons to break up a gathering of some 18,000 people demanding an end to his 19-year rule.

Four hospitals reported treating 13 of the protesters for minor fractures, bruises and gas inhalation.

Police wearing gas masks and throwing tear gas as they drove through the crowd on jeeps dispersed thousands of people as they were gathering in a downtown Manila square two hours before Marcos was to speak.

Hundreds of police on foot, also wearing masks and swinging clubs, chased the protesters. As they ran, the demonstrators stumbled over each other while acid fumes filled the air around Manila's Plaza Bonifacio.

The police said 18,000 people were on hand, although not all entered the square.

Minutes after the dispersal of the crowds close to 5,000 demonstrators regrouped and marched toward a university a few kilometres away, chanting "Marcos — Hitler, dictator puppet" as thousands of bystanders cheered them on.

The police were apparently not aware of the march and at one point the marchers overturned a jeep with a government plate caught in a traffic jam and set it on fire.

"Burn it, burn it, so we can get even," some of the marchers chanted as the jeep's driver ran away.

In his speech to the assembly, Marcos said the opening of the assembly marked the "full restoration of representative government," but warned the country still faces serious economic problems and festering communist insurgency that could exploit these problems.

"The problems we face, if not solved, may well wipe out our future and our republic, and in their stead may rise an alien faith and a gruesome future in which neither you nor I will have a place," Marcos told

newly elected assemblymen, about one third of them oppositionists or independents.

"The fact of the matter is that the situation is fully under control, and even if the situation should deteriorate, we have precisely installed adequate checks and responses to cope with this, without having to repair martial law," he said.

The Philippine News Agency said about 2,000 policemen were deployed around the assembly, on the outskirts of the Manila suburb of Quezon City, and the police said about 800 more officers guarded approaches to Marcos's Malacanang Palace, closer to the plaza where police broke up the demonstrations.

Marcos called demonstrations a "necessary part of our democratic life," but said he was disturbed that demonstrations and labour strikes were being infiltrated and manipulated by communist subversives. Communist infiltration was the reason the police cited for revoking a permit granted the protesters and for dispersing the crowds.

## Rough start for Indian parliament

NEW DELHI (AP). — The annual "monsoon session" of the Indian parliament opened yesterday with a shouting match, a near fistfight and a walkout by opposition parties demanding immediate discussion of the government's ouster of the state government in Kashmir.

Opposition members stormed out of both the upper and lower houses after the leadership refused to permit unscheduled debate on the issue. They charged that Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's ruling Congress Party was trying to "destabilize" local opposition governments and stifle debate.

In a written statement, the opposition said the government's actions in Kashmir were "unconstitutional and anti-democratic," and posed "a grave threat to the functioning of parliamentary democracy."

Earlier, the lower house (Lok Sabha) had recessed for 20 minutes shortly after convening, when a congress party member threw a punch at an opposition lawmaker from Kashmir. He missed, and the two were separated after a scuffle.

The upper house (Rajya Sabha) also adjourned briefly following a furor over the same issue, but no fistfights occurred.

The Kashmir government led by Chief Minister Mohammed Farooq

Abdullah was dismissed on July 2 after 12 state lawmakers withdrew their support, leaving him without a majority in the state assembly. The opposition has charged that Gandhi's supporters engineered the maneuver.

The federal government and the Congress Party had accused Farooq of encouraging pro-Pakistan elements and following Sikh extremists to run military training camps in the strategic Himalayan state bordering Pakistan and China. Farooq denied the allegations.

The five-week parliamentary session, dubbed "monsoon" because it

coincides with India's rainy season, will see acrimonious debate on the government's handling of the Punjab crisis, Kashmir and other issues. These include dismissal of the opposition-led government in Sikkim in May, Hindu-Muslim rioting in the Bombay area and Draconian federal moves to combat Sikh terrorism.

It may be the last session of the 788-member assembly before national elections. The date has not been set but, by law, Gandhi must call elections by January 14 to select India's eighth parliament since independence.

## Gandhi vs. Gandhi contest coming up

NEW DELHI (AP). — It will be "Gandhi versus Gandhi" as members of India's first family face each other in the parliamentary elections to be held early next year.

Maneka Gandhi, Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's estranged daughter-in-law and political rival, announced her election plans and said she hopes to defeat Rajiv Gandhi, her brother-in-law and the prime minister's heir apparent.

"It will be Gandhi versus Gandhi. I hope he (Rajiv) opposes me at the polls," the 27-year-old widow of the

prime minister's younger son told reporters at a press conference on Saturday.

Rajiv, who already holds a seat in parliament, could not be reached for comment yesterday.

Maneka said she would run for a parliament seat from Amethi, a small town in northern Uttar Pradesh state. It was formerly the constituency of her late husband, Sanjay Gandhi, and is now considered a stronghold for his brother, Rajiv.

## Elephants to get romantic hideaway

OAKLAND, California (AP). — It's difficult to get in the mood with a crowd looking on, so officials at the Oakland Zoo are going to build their elephants a love nest.

Zoo officials have announced they have hired an architectural firm to build a new \$1-million elephant environment that is conducive to mating.

"Our immediate goal is to design a suitable and comfortable enclosure for breeding elephants," said general manager William Penn Mott, Jr. The new elephant home, which officials hope to complete in two years, will include a pond and a giant sandbox for a kind of elephant sand-bath that the pachyderms enjoy.

It will also give the animals some privacy. Their current home is an open pen with a small pool and concrete slab that is always in the view of visitors.

"Just like humans, they require privacy," said Kai Mikami, an architect with Jones and Jones, Inc. of Seattle, which has been hired to build the new elephant home.

CARNIVAL. — The Soviet daily *Pravda* said yesterday that the U.S. Democratic Party's convention in San Francisco had been a noisy carnival at which serious political issues had been largely ignored.

## French right-wing opposition calls for moving up elections

PARIS (Reuters). — France's right-wing opposition Gaullists have formally called for early parliamentary elections in a bid to recapture the initiative from the new Socialist government headed by Prime Minister Laurent Fabius.

The call came after two weeks during which President Francois Mitterrand withdrew an unpopular education bill, replaced his embattled prime minister Pierre Mauroy, and split with his Communist allies.

According to opinion polls, Fabius, a former industry minister, was a popular choice, reviving the fortunes of a government recently worn down by bitter arguments with the opposition.

But Gaullist leader Jacques Chirac returned to the attack at a meeting of his RPR party's 440-strong central committee Sunday night, saying the country was in the grip of an economic crisis, and demanding an early dissolution of parliament.

Chirac took issue with a proposal by Mitterrand to seek constitutional changes allowing more frequent referendums on matters that affect basic liberties, such as the education bill.

The suggestion was widely seen as a move by Mitterrand to counter opposition charges that he was undermining liberties through the

bill, which sought to extend state authority over private schools, and another bill to curb press monopolies.

Chirac said he found the idea unclear. He went on to recall the Socialists' poll of less than 21 per cent in last month's European Parliament elections.

The time had come for a new contract between the people and their leader, he said.

When Premier Laurent Fabius goes before the National Assembly today with his new government's general declaration of policy, the ruling socialists, with an absolute majority, will have no problem winning the vote of confidence.

## Woman, 21, beats chess grandmaster Korchnoi

BIENNE, Switzerland (AP). — Sweden's 21-year-old Pia Cramling, the world's top-ranked woman player, defeated self-exiled Soviet grandmaster Viktor Korchnoi, acting vice champion of the world, in the opening round of the international Beine chess meet Sunday night.

"I feel fantastic and I still cannot believe it," the lone woman in the field of 12 grandmasters and international masters said after the game.

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# JACKSON'S AMENDMENT

By WALTER RUBY/Post New York Correspondent

LONG AFTER Walter Mondale had been nominated as the Democratic Party's candidate for president, delegates to the Democratic National Convention were still praising the convention speech of his rival Jesse Jackson.

The speech, they said, which was delivered the night before the nomination, had gone a long way towards uniting the party and healing the bitter rift between Blacks and Jews within the party.

One immediate result came from Timothy B. Hagan, co-chairman of the Mondale campaign in Ohio, who announced that he was withdrawing a resolution he had drafted with Rabbi Marvin Hier, dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles. The resolution called on the party to "completely dissociate itself from people who promote all forms of hatred, bigotry, racism and anti-Semitism."

Said Hagan: "After Jackson's superb speech, we decided that the resolution was no longer necessary."

Jewish leaders also were relieved and generally praised Jackson for seeming to apologize for language he had used during the campaign which was considered to be derogatory to Jews.

But the Jewish leaders seemed to be split on whether the speech repre-

sented a genuine change of heart by Jackson, and whether there is now a chance of renewed and fruitful dialogue with the Black community in general and with Jackson in particular.

IN HIS SPEECH, Jackson said: "If in my low moments... I have caused anyone discomfort, created pain or revived someone's fears, that was not my truest self... Please forgive me."

Invoking the memories of Martin Luther King and Rabbi Abraham Heschel, as well as Jewish and Black civil rights workers murdered in Mississippi in 1964, Jackson commented: "Twenty years later, our communities — Black and Jewish — are in anguish, anger and despair."

And he added: "We cannot afford to lose our way... Many Blacks and Jews have a shared passion for social justice at home and peace abroad. We must seek a revival of the spirit, inspired by a new vision and new possibilities... We must turn from finger-pointing to clasped hands."

Howard Friedman, president of the American Jewish Committee, described the Jackson speech as "im-

pressive" and said: "His apology to Jews and others was an appropriate and much-needed declaration of regret."

"We hope that the spirit of the speech, which was one reconciliation, sustains itself in the coming weeks and is further reinforced by Rev. Jackson in both words and deeds."

Noting that "there are still many policy disagreements between Rev. Jackson and the Jewish community, especially over such issues as the Middle East and quotas," Friedman said: "We hope these issues will be discussed with civility and on their merits, and not in an atmosphere of name calling..."

Rabbi David Saperstein, director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, was more forthright in his reaction to the speech: "We are gratified by Rev. Jesse Jackson's eloquent expression of social justice which resonates deeply within our community... What Jackson said can stimulate the process of reconciliation that responsible Black and Jewish leaders have been engaged in for months."

AND Walter Wurzberger, a leading Orthodox rabbi, who is a former president of the Rabbinical Council of America, said he found Jackson's admission of guilt "deeply moving."

"I hope this speech will lead to more wholesome relations between Blacks and Jews," he said. "There are still many areas where I disagree with Jackson, but at least there is no more denigration of the Jewish people..."

"I see no reason why we cannot now engage in dialogue with Jackson, along with the other Black leaders. We need to forget the divisive issues, and focus on common denominators."

But Wolf Kelman, executive vice-president of the Rabbinical Assembly, the organizational body of Conservative rabbis, said that in the Jewish tradition, "Repentance is a matter not only of words, but of deeds."

Terming Jackson's speech "remarkable and moving," Kelman nevertheless added: "The Jewish community as a whole will need a great deal of reassurance. I will assume that Jackson meant what he

said, but we will watch carefully what he does in the weeks and months ahead."

Nathan Perlmutter, national director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith (ADL), seemed to take the toughest line on the Jackson statement.

Noting that Jackson's statement was "candid" and "welcomed," he said: "It remains pertinent that the political gulf between Mr. Jackson and many Americans, including Jews, has not been bridged. (Jackson) justly excoriates South Africa, but he seems without remorse over his embrace of Castro, Assad, Arafat and the Sandinistas — all echo chambers for anti-Zionists and anti-American propaganda... We vigorously disagree with Jackson's politics of appeasement of tyrants."

Henry Siegman, executive director of the American Jewish Congress, said the speech showed that "Jesse Jackson is a man of unusual talents... which unfortunately over the last few months he has used in a destructive, popularizing way."

Siegman said the speech was "constructive and conciliatory" but added that it was too much to expect one speech "to wash away the damage."



Jesse Jackson... 'Please forgive me.'

(Millman)

## The renewal of Zionism

By ITZHAK KORN/Special to The Jerusalem Post

AT THE end of June two gatherings were held in Jerusalem — a session of the Zionist Action Committee and the assembly of the reconstituted Jewish Agency — with the aim of strengthening the ties of the world Zionist movement with new elements within the various Jewish communities and the fund-raising organizations. In summing up the discussions of these two meetings, we can note significant progress in these areas.

The desire to bring Zionism closer to the Jewish communities in the diaspora already began in the time of Dr. Chaim Weizmann when, as president of the World Zionist Organization, he laid the basis for the establishment of the Jewish Agency in 1929, comprising prominent figures of World Jewry, both Zionists and non-Zionists. However, this short-lived experiment bore little fruit.

The Zionist circles proved more active and enterprising, and overshadowed the non-Zionist members of the Jewish Agency.

More than 40 years later, in 1971, on the initiative of the late Louis Pincus, chairman of the World Zionist Executive, and Dr. Eliezer Fish, chairman of the United Israel Appeal, a joint framework for an expanded Jewish Agency was established, with the aim of broadening and increasing support for Israel. In 1981, Fish submitted a proposal to the Zionist Executive to set up a framework for greater cooperation between Zionists and non-Zionists. Fish's daring argument was that he saw no difference between Zionists and non-Zionists. The tables had been turned, and the Zionists were now weaker than the well-organized Jewish community leaders and fund-raisers.

The Zionist camp, headed by Arye Dulin, accepted the proposal, and the deliberations known as the "Caesarea process" began. For over three years, various issues were discussed — with the primary aim of

bringing the Jewish communities closer to the Zionist worldview. The very act of cooperating with representatives of the diaspora communities was a positive one. There were Zionists who were excited by the fact that the non-Zionist camp, who were now being called neo-Zionists, agreed to adopt the "Jerusalem Programme." It was also agreed that they would deal with the problems of Jewish education and with aliya. The Zionists felt that this was an important opportunity to collaborate with the heads of the various Jewish communities. In fact, this step was taken out of growing weakness.

In June 1984, when the assembly of the reconstituted Jewish Agency was called upon to celebrate the "bar mitzva" of this organization, intensive efforts were made to complete the deliberations of the "Caesarea process" and thus to come closer to achieving a partnership between the Jewish communities and fund-raising bodies, and the Zionist camp. At the meeting of the Zionist Executive, which preceded the Jewish Agency assembly, these matters were discussed, and an understanding was reached on "expanding the Caesarea process."

But the story does not end here.

ALREADY AT the closing of that session of the Zionist Action Committee the chairman of the World Zionist Executive noted that, with the conclusion of the major deliberations and decisions of the "Caesarea process" on strengthening the ties with the Jewish communities in the diaspora, it was now necessary to conduct an immediate discussion on the strengthening of the Zionist movement, to be known as the "Herziya process." It was agreed that this discussion would be conducted in the regional committees of the Zionist movement in various parts of the world, and that the final decisions would be adopted at the

next session of the Zionist Action Committee.

Should we fail to find ways to strengthen the Zionist movement through the "Herziya process," it is doubtful whether we will be able to act on the decisions of the "Caesarea process," since only a vigorous, idealistic Zionist movement of fulfillment, with a strong Zionist worldview, can attract young intellectuals who are seeking a challenge and a vision.

I will not enter into a debate here with those who claim that Zionism no longer has a role to play. This approach involves a certain distortion, and destroys the foundations of the State of Israel and of the Jewish people in the diaspora.

In the first days of the state, severe criticism was already leveled against the Zionist movement. David Ben-Gurion declared that the Zionist movement had served as "scaffolding" for the establishment of the state. Now, after its establishment, the Zionist movement had completed its task and was no longer a decisive factor in the life of the state and the people. There was no lack of prominent people and enthusiastic activists who argued that the time had come to dissolve the Zionist movement, to be replaced by a state apparatus which would be responsible for aliya and other functions.

We are still living in a period in which the state cannot be a substitute for Zionism. While it is today a very important component in the

fabric of Zionism, it cannot as yet replace it. Nevertheless, we must admit that today we are witnessing a period of Zionist weakness, leading people to conclude that Zionism no longer has a role to play. This view is potentially disastrous for us all. Instead of seeking new ways to rescue the Zionist movement from the mire and to set it on its course again, resuming its work and reforming its methods, we are reconciling ourselves to the crisis, and would like to return to the situation prevailing in the diaspora 100 years ago.

WE ARE often shocked by the serious phenomenon whereby aberrations on the part of a segment of

Israeli society afflicted with corrupt careerism, drugs, the stock market, etc. serves as an example for defining the basic principles of our society. Instead of rebelling, instead of enlisting every ounce of energy to work for change, for reform, for progress, we are ready to throw all our values into the sea. Anyone who does not rebel against the existing situation and against the negative aspects of Israeli society, will not be able to contribute to the recovery of the Zionist movement.

What kind of new Zionist movement do we need? This is not the place to go into detail, and I will limit myself to emphasizing several cardinal principles:

□ Not to be satisfied with declarations, but to elaborate a detailed ideological-practical programme, and to act on it, launching a wide-ranging momentum to deepen the Zionist view.

□ To define the centrality of Israel in relations between Israel and the diaspora.

□ To impose positive duties on every individual and on all those who belong to the Zionist movement,

which is an expression of democracy and progress in the life of the Jewish people.

□ To play a central role in the fight against assimilation and alienation in the Jewish communities in the diaspora.

□ To establish an independent framework for Zionist fulfilment, which will serve as a centre for the encouragement of aliya from all parts of the world.

□ To promote Jewish Zionist education based on a network of schools, like the "Tarbut" schools in Eastern Europe. A cadre of Jewish-Zionist educators and teachers must be trained for this purpose, for which the Greenberg Teachers' Institute in Jerusalem should serve as the main centre. Included here should also be the preparation of special pedagogical material for these schools.

□ To protest against the attempt to dissolve the Zionist parties. This would neutralize the ability of the individual and the people as a whole to shape Israeli society. Indifference to the quality of society in the State of Israel goes hand in hand with spiritual weakness within the WZO.

Without a well-defined approach, we will be unable to sustain spiritual ferment and our tie to the state would be weakened. The Zionist movement would then run aground. At the same time, we must re-examine the functioning of the Zionist parties within the WZO in the 1980's.

□ To train a Zionist leadership on the local and world levels, preparing the leaders for their task with fresh momentum.

This is only a partial list. In order to breathe new life into Zionism, we must aspire to create quality and not quantity.

The coming year is likely to be a fateful year in the life of the Zionist movement. Despite the difficulties and the errors, we can still find in Israel and in the diaspora vigorous forces which can change the face of contemporary Zionism. Without the renewal of Zionism, no progress is possible. The deliberations of the "Caesarea process" and the "Herziya process" must be closely linked.

The writer is a former MK and was secretary-general of the World Labour Zionist movement.

## In defence of smokers

RANDOMALIA/Miriam Arad

LET ME begin by stating, to allay your non-smokers' wrath, that I absolutely agree smoking in public places should be prohibited. The trouble is that even in private places you can't smoke in peace any more these days.

It starts by this warning on the pack that smoking is bad for you, as if you didn't know. It's pure discrimination anyhow, because the world is full of things that are bad for you, but there's no warning on any of them save bottles of bleach and rat poison. There is no inscription on butter, is there, to say that it's chock-full of cholesterol which may block your coronary arteries, on chocolate, which may give you caries and no doubt will, or, for that matter, on cars with Israeli drivers in them.

Still, I can read books as well as cigarette packs, and I one day found it written, by no less an authority than geneticist Macfarlane Burnet, who won the Nobel and a KBE, that "80 per cent of heavy smokers will not get lung cancer," and the italics are his. Will 80 per cent of heavy drinkers not get cirrhosis of the liver? Eighty per cent of heavy steak eaters not get a heart attack? Then why pick on smokers?

Smokers have, in fact, become a persecuted majority, whom every-

one feels free to warn, scare, and preach at. If it isn't that they're sure to die of cancer or heart disease, it's that smoking is "a filthy habit." Right, but so is picking your nose, biting your nails or scratching your toes in company — none of which smokers are prone to; they have their cigarettes to take it out on. Also they don't fiddle with their teaspoons, twiddle their pencils, fidget, jiggle their feet and finger their neckties.

Now don't get me wrong, I don't recommend smoking, much as I didn't advocate having all your teeth out and replacing them with false ones, the way two angry dentists from Beersheba seemed to believe. After all, 20 per cent getting lung cancer is bad enough. I'm only saying that man is fallible and subject to many weaknesses, of which smoking is one, though not the worst.

It isn't just man, anyhow. It's galaxies too, according to those American astronomers who caught one of them blowing smoke rings through space. Maybe it got as nervous as terrestrial smokers from all that non-talk about banning space weapons.

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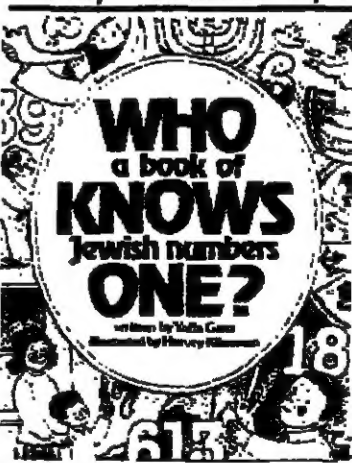
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# Sports

## Czech triumph

SAO PAULO, Brazil (AP). — Defending champion Czechoslovakia won the \$250,000 Federation Cup tennis tournament after eliminating Australia 2-1 in a tie-breaking doubles match. The Czech won the tournament, thanks to a 6-2, 6-2 victory by Hana Mandlikova and Helena Sukova over Australia's Wendy Turnbull and Elizabeth Sayers. The two countries had split the initial singles.

Hana Mandlikova, then comfortably defeated Elizabeth Sayers 6-1, 6-9, in just 42 minutes.

On the men's circuit Jose-Luis Clerc of Argentina will defend his title against the youngest finalist in the 57-year history of the U.S. pro tennis championships, American Aaron Krickstein, after they won their prefecture semifinal matches.

Clerc, seeded third, kept his chance to retain the title by beating second seed Andres Gomez of Ecuador 6-4, 6-4. Sixth-seeded Krickstein, just 10 days short of his 17th birthday, made his way into the final with a 6-3, 6-4 victory over Pavel Slozil of Czechoslovakia.

Krickstein, in what he termed his greatest match ever, stormed into the semis by ousting top seed Jimmy Arias 6-4, 6-3.

## Cycling's Napoleon outridden

PARIS (Reuters). — Bernard Hinault, the Napoleon of cycling, has finally met his Waterloo in the Tour de France and a new age has dawned after his decisive defeat at the hands of fellow Frenchman Laurent Fignon.

Fignon, blond, handsome and 23, rode to victory on Sunday with a huge time advantage of 10 minutes 32 seconds over Hinault after three weeks and 3,900km. of endurance cycling.

He won last year but Hinault, 29 and four times the Tour winner, was out through injury. So yesterday was the first time the Breton — dubbed the badger for his fighting ways — finishing the Tour anywhere below first place. The pundits swiftly wrote off their former favourite as finished, but in a full-page newspaper advertisement yesterday Hinault pronounced: "I will be back again next year," adding the warning: "The badger still has claws."

The news could not dim the brilliance of Fignon's success. His win last year at the tender age of 22 was greeted with surprise.

This year he had something to prove, and he did so in style. On the long run down western France and across the south he played a waiting game, but in two days in the Alps he devastated the field and was never worried again.

## Kathy Whitworth — mistress and master of golf

ROCHESTER, New York (AP). — Kathy Whitworth has surpassed Sam Snead as the professional golfer with the most impressive winning record ever. Parrying the first hole of a sudden-death playoff she defeated Rosie Jones in the Rochester International LPGA tournament to record her 85th career win.

Jones, who lost the U.S. Women's Open a week earlier with a bogey on the final hole, hit her approach shot at No. 1 into the left rough, left her chip about two metres short and missed the putt by inches.

For Whitworth, 44, it was the first victory on the Ladies Professional Golf Association tour since March 1983. It was, however, her 85th victory in a career stretching back to 1958 and broke her out of a tie with Snead that she had called mainly a creation of the media.

Snead is credited by the PGA with 84 professional victories.

## Chariots of Fire film-maker turns to cricket's infamous Bodyline series

LONDON (AP). — The hard part of film-making is finding the money. But money is the least of the problems in a planned film of England's cricket tour of Australia in 1932-33, the notorious "Bodyline" series which nearly ruptured relations between the two countries.

"You can assume that series is still very much alive down there, because when the subject was broached, the film was almost entirely financed right away by offers from Australian banks," says Paul Wheeler, who wrote the screenplay of *Bodyline*.

The film is the idea of David Puttnam, whose *Chariots of Fire* about two athletes running for their country won four Hollywood Oscars in 1981, including best film. Puttnam plans to start shooting *Bodyline* in Australia next year.

"Even after 50 years, the word 'Bodyline' still causes heartache in England and Australia," Wheeler notes. "Some of the survivors in both countries still don't want to talk about it."

While writing the screenplay for his interviews in both countries, Wheeler, a 49-year-old television scriptwriter and keen amateur cricketer, wrote a novel with the same title.

Faber and Faber, a distinguished fiction and poetry house, published 10,000 copies on Sept. 8 and reported half of them sold in a week.

## Americans hungry for gold

NEW YORK (Reuters). — The powerful United States Olympic team will undoubtedly dominate the Los Angeles Olympics beginning on Saturday.

World athletics champions Carl Lewis, Ed Moses and Mary Decker are sure to lead the way. The 23-year-old Lewis, 100 metres and long jump gold medallist at the Helsinki World Championships last August, will dominate the Games' headlines if he succeeds in duplicating Jesse Owens' sweep of four golds at the 1936 Berlin Olympics. Lewis runs in the 100 and 200 metres, 4x100 metres sprint relay and long jump.

At 28, Moses is a 400 metres hurdles veteran. He is the reigning world champion and record holder, and won the Olympic title last time the Americans competed in 1976. Having won 102 consecutive races, his form is as good now as it was then. Like Lewis, Moses will hardly notice the Soviet-led boycott. Both face a bigger threat from fellow-Americans than from overseas competitors.

To qualify for the 100 metres squad, Lewis had to win a trial which included five of the fastest men in the world this year. Moses ran under 48 seconds to book his place ahead of formidable looking youngsters Danny Harris and Tranel Hawkins.

Decker, world champion over 1,500 and 3,000 metres, has opted to run only over the longer distance at the Games. Her chief rival is seen as remarkable South African-born Briton Zola Budd, who beat Decker's 5,000 metres world record by nearly seven seconds in January.

Three men — breaststroker John Moffet, butterfly specialist Pablo Morales and backstroker Rick Carey — set world records in the Olympic swimming trials, and four others bettered U.S. records.

The world's premier diver, Greg Louganis, is expected to win both

the three metres springboard and 10 metres platform titles with the main threat to his double coming from teammates Ron Merritt and Bruce Kimball.

American Boxers know their competition has been severely weakened by the Cuban absence, though super-heavyweight world amateur champion Tyrrell Biggs should be thoroughly tested by Italy's Francesco Damiani. The U.S. and Cuba won five titles each at last year's world amateur championships while Canada won two.

Americans gymnasts could also benefit from the boycott. The last time the U.S. won a men's gymnastics gold medal was the last time the games were held in Los Angeles in 1932.

Peter Vidmar and Mitch Gaylord are among those who could end the American drought, although the Chinese, competing again for the first time since 1952, could spoil the celebrations. Tiny 16-year-old Mary Lou Retton and Julianne McNamara 18, shoulder the American women's gymnastics challenge.

But the Americans could collect medals in the unfamiliar territory of canoeing, rowing, modern pentathlon and weightlifting, where the East Europeans usually dominate. The Soviet Union, Bulgaria and East Germany share the 10 weightlifting world records between themselves.

The U.S. has never won gold in the modern pentathlon — which tests fencing, riding, swimming shooting and running skills — but many believe they will never have a better chance with 24-year-old Mike Storm.

And the Americans will now dominate Greco-Roman wrestling, where Russian and Bulgarian men have won more than half the gold medals in the last eight games. Little wonder wrestling coach Dan Gable quipped: "I might as well send my mother out to coach."



HE FLIES EVEN FURTHER. — Carl Lewis, out to equal Jesse Owens' achievements.

In volleyball, the U.S. men's team is expected to challenge for a medal after being overshadowed by the highly successful women's squad for a long time. The men's basketball team, which has beaten some impressive professional sides in recent exhibition games, will still have to get past Yugoslavia, Italy and Spain to win gold, but the women should win easily without the tall and powerful Russians in the tournament.

## Leaping optimist

PHOENIX, Arizona. — Maya Cole-Benzoor is an optimist. Every stance encountered by Israel's champion woman long-jumper just spurred her on to leap further and to entertain more hope of getting to Los Angeles.

"I can make it," she assured people, at times when it seemed that the qualifying standard of 6.25m. was beyond her. On May 21, 1984, she attained 6.24m. — one centimetre short, so near but yet so far.

Then on June 12, in the 42 degree heat of Mesa, Arizona, Maya cleared 6.27m. Ecstasy. But it took some time before the Israel Sports Federation and the Los Angeles Olympic Committee accepted her achievement and gave her that precious invitation to represent Israel in the Los Angeles Olympics.

Now all the anxiety is behind her. "Now all I'm thinking about is how to improve and improve and improve, so that I'll make a good showing for Israel at the Games."

Maya, born in Israel, first set an Israeli long jump record one year ago in Tucson, when she was a member of Flagstaff's Northern Arizona University team.

A firm 1.05m. and 52kg., Benzoor first came to Flagstaff in August, 1982. It was not the Southwest she expected. At 2,100m. high, Flagstaff offers snow and thin air.

"There is a day and night difference in training in Flagstaff over Israel," she said. "And it's not the thin air."

Since she was 16 years old, the amiable Maya competed for Israel throughout Europe. But lonely workouts and weed-strewn fields were not enough. Maya wanted to reach her peak, and that was most likely in the United States.

The chance to fulfil her Olympic dream has materialized. Benzoor attributes much of her recent success to NAU's Assistant track coach for field events, Greg Hull. He coached her to a National Collegiate Athletic Association top 10 long jump ranking and to Track and Field Magazine's number two triple jump ranking.

"For the first time in my life, being an athlete is a privilege," the unassuming Maya says. "Initially coach Hull and I sat and worked out goals. Mine was to break the Israeli long jump record."

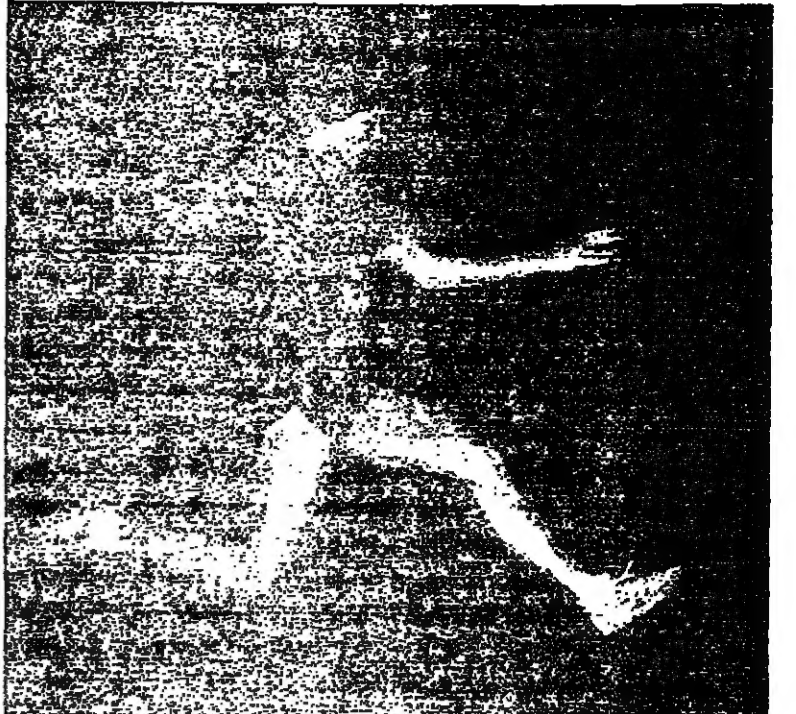
This was, indeed, a lofty goal. The Israeli standard was held by Esther Roth — record holder in the sprints, the 100-m. hurdles and the long jump.

The long jump was her most vulnerable record. Benzoor said respectfully, "It was a privilege to break it."

The record fell in April 1983 after Maya spent a difficult five months learning technique and smoothing out basic mistakes.

"The big difference was my mental preparation," the slender athlete says. "My goals weren't so impossible once I saw Americans hitting them. Every meet has so many great athletes."

In addition, Hull says, Benzoor is now combining her speed and jump into one motion, aided by a switch from the "Hang Technique" to the "Hitchkick." She is maintaining an appearance of running while in the



SHE FLIES THROUGH THE AIR. — Maya Cole-Benzoor is Israeli hope for the women's long jump.

air instead of arching her back and appearing to float.

"Maya's magic mark is hm, which was once a great jump for her and is now an average jump," Hull said. "The mark of a great athlete is consistency. Maya is consistent."

He attributes Benzoor's improvement to the superior level of U.S. competition, facilities and information.

"Maya is tough, never quits, and shares her success by trying to make everyone feel good about themselves. She gave us a very positive view of the Israeli people," Hull says.

Team-mate Brenda Buckendahl, a shot-putter, agreed. "Maya showed me how to accept results and keep a positive outlook. Her attitude and concentration are inspiring."

"Maya reaffirmed for me," Hull says, "that the good ones want to keep working. She doesn't have great power or speed, but she's got desire. And she's not looking for a medal in the Olympics — only to show she belongs there."

Benzoor first teased herself about the Olympics in late 1982. "Coach Hull just happened to mention the possibility and my jaw dropped. It took me 11½ years to believe the Olympics possible for me. When I broke Roth's record a light went on inside me. It's possible."

Maya has been long-jumping since her days at the Be'er Sheva school in Haifa. "Just to help the school," she says, playfully. "I enjoyed the event so much that I found clubs in Haifa to train with after school."

"Mom didn't like it because travelling took 45 minutes. Weeds were all over the Municipal Stadium runway, and after the soccer season ended, maintenance people were the only ones who could let us in. Dad didn't like the training because my cultural education suffered," says Benzoor, a pianist.

The 18-year-old Maya joined the Israeli national team and began travelling to Europe. She competed there 14 times. In 1973, 1977 and 1981 she competed at the Maccabiah games; at the 1978 Youth Junior European Championships she came second in the long jump, as she did at the 1981 Maccabiah games.

A turning-point came in 1977. Army service began for the slender, muscular athlete. "I wanted to do my service like everyone but was also devoted to athletics."

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Like so many people who meet the easygoing Benzoor, commander Oded Shahar took a liking to her. Maya received an evening job so she could train in the morning. "He made it easy on me to attend events and practise. I thank him for that. But in the military I had to practise alone, missed learning from others and had incomplete training."

Then, at the 1977 Copenhagen Games, the American seed was planted in her mind when she met her first American coach. "He told me to come to train in the United States. It was a scary thought."

The lonely military workouts compelled her to travel to the Wingate Institute for Physical Education, outside Netanya, where she met Chuck McNeil, now the head track coach at Oregon State University.

"Maya was exuberant," McNeil recalled. "Just a hard worker."

Her weekly appointments with McNeil paid off. For the first time, Maya jumped over 6m. "McNeil firmly implanted in me the need to go to the States. He gave me a solid programme and showed me how injuries could be avoided. I used to jump so hard that tears would come to my eyes every time I landed."

Maya decided to make physical therapy her life work and entered Wingate's school full time, after completing her military service. Between 1978-1981 Maya took advantage of Wingate's facilities, trained with Israel's top athletes and had a personal coach, Dr. Amos Gradinsky.

"Still, because of school, I often had to train alone," she says, matter-of-factly.

After completing Wingate's physical therapy programme she married Erik Benzoor and returned to Haifa, where he was attending the University of Haifa's business school.

"We were both frustrated," Erik says. "The university has a good economics programme, but I was interested in tourism. Maya tried a couple of jobs but could never find a good schedule for training."

The decision to study abroad became irrevocable when a friend, Yair Ellor, detailed the advantages he received in taking his shot-putting skills to Idaho's Boise State University. After nervously awaiting results of her application, in June, 1982, Benzoor was offered a full scholarship to attend NAU.

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The sports pages are edited by Philip Giller and Yaron Kenan.

## Election cricket

The Jerusalem Post select sustained a 12-run defeat in an exciting finish to the traditional election-day cricket match against a Rest of Jerusalem XI at the Hebrew University Stadium on Givat Ram.

Rest 114 in 30 overs. Post 103. WEEKEND CLUB MATCHES: Maccabi Petach Tikva defeated Hapoel Yavne by nine wickets. Yavne 89 all out (nearly 4-19); PT 94-1 (Dor Moss 62 not out).

Du Romani 100 all out (Maccabi Lod A by one wicket. Lod B 92 all out (Yankov Levy 3-12; Lod A 95-9 (Samir Ashtor 5-18).

Hapoel Ramat def. Hapoel Yerushalmi by 10 wickets. Yerushalmi 40 all out (Ruben Ruchon 6-25, Nirin Ruchon 3-9; Ramat 45-0).

## SUNDAY'S BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Philadelphia 6 Atlanta 2; St. Louis 7 Los Angeles 6; San Francisco 11 Chicago 5; Houston 6 Montreal 1.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Detroit 2 Texas 0; Cleveland 4 Chicago 1; New York 6 Minnesota 5; Kansas City 8 Baltimore 4; Boston 3 California 0; Oakland 5 Milwaukee 4; Toronto 5 Seattle 3.

## Good performance by Israeli girl

Post Sports Reporter Israel's no. 1 girl player Simi Shalev, 18, over the weekend reached both the singles and doubles semi-finals before being eliminated at the Swiss international junior tennis championship in Klosters.

Shalev beat rated Australian Margaret Jaggard 7-5, 6-4 to reach the last four but was then put out by the Brazilian junior champ Gisele Miro 6-1, 7-6. She was partnered in her parallel useful doubles effort by Yael Vitale.

## Driver recovering

SIDCUP, England (API). — Venezuelan racing driver Johnny Cecotto remained in a "comfortable" condition in a hospital bed here yesterday, following his crash during practice for the British Grand Prix.

Cecotto broke both ankles, leg and knee bones when his Toleman-Ford crashed at about 160 miles per hour (256 kph).

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## GIVE SOLDIERS LIFTS

Another problem is that the Australian actors' organization Equity will allow only two non-Australians to take part. They will probably play Jardine and Pelham "Plum" Warner, who was team manager on the *Bodyline* tour. "I know several English actors dying to play Warner. They keep asking me if his part has been filled yet," Wheeler said.

## Australia in Federation Cup surprise

SAO PAULO (Reuters). — Australia scored an upset victory over the top seeded-U.S. to go through to the final of the Federation Cup women's tennis team tournament with defending champions Czechoslovakia.

The eight-seeded Australians gave notice of the shock to come when Anne Hickey, ranked 39th in the world, gave them a 1-0 lead by sweeping Kathleen Horvath aside 6-3, 6-4.

American Kathy Jordan, ranked fifth in the world, levelled the score at 1-1 by beating a slow-moving Wendy Turnbull 6-3, 7-6.

Everything depended on the doubles, and it was here that Australia sprung their biggest surprise — 21-year-old Elizabeth Sayers combined superbly with Turnbull to beat the seeded American Jordan/Ane Smith partnership 7-6, 6-4.

The Americans, who won at Wimbledon in 1980, said they had played on Sayers, hoping to capitalize on her experience.

"Unfortunately for us, she played exceptionally well," said Smith.

Henri Leconte (France) beat Gene Mayer (U.S.) 7-6, 6-4, 1-6, 6-1 in the final of the \$100,000 Stuttgart Grand Prix tournament.

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Swiss FR	382.522	349.185
DM	93.748	92.587
French FR	30.527	30.143
Dutch G	83.027	81.992
Swiss FR	110.762	109.297
Norwegian KR	32.274	31.859
Denmark KR	32.472	32.072
Finland MK	25.705	25.386
Finnish MK	44.438	43.957
Canadian \$	201.682	198.610
Australian \$	221.815	219.088
Belgian C	180.076	177.836
Rand	45.332	45.013
Belgian C (10)	45.982	45.413
Belgian C (100)	133.860	132.216
Austrian S (10)	109.521	108.178
Yen (100)	165.510	163.493
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## Divided we stand

AS THESE lines were being written last night, it was not possible to determine which of the two major parties, the Labour Alignment or the Likud would be in a position to establish the next government.

The projections, based on Israel Television's sampling of voters, indicated that it would be possible for either of the two big parties with small party partners to block establishment of a government by the other. This will be clearly established only after the precise official results, including the soldiers' vote, are known.

The narrow margin between the two large parties confirmed what the public opinion polls of the last several weeks had shown. But beyond that it reflects the continuing deep division in the country.

That narrow margin naturally increases the leverage of the small parties. But it deserves to be pointed out that while the small parties appeared to have increased the total number of Knesset seats at their command, that increase was less than might have been expected. Commanding 30 or 31 seats, is not a radical departure from the past.

Yet this result will encourage those of the small parties, like the National Religious Party, who have been advocating a national unity government. And depending on the precise distribution of seats, the NRP could find itself in a good position to persist in this demand, and block any alternative.

Such an outcome of this hard-fought election might give a temporary moral boost to many people. It would not, however, lead to decisive political change. On all political issues, the two big blocs would neutralize each other to embalm the status quo. This would serve the purposes of the Likud; it would counter the aims of Labour.

Much may depend, ironically, on the two small parties who had reason to be disappointed with their results - Ezer Weizman's Yahad list and Tami. It was possible to speculate last night that with their support, Labour, together with its natural partners, Shinui and Shulamit Aloni's CRM, who increased their strength, could, with the Arab lists command a Knesset majority. Such a majority in the House would then enable Labour to mount a coalition majority with some of the religious parties.

Clearly, however, such a coalition would find it more difficult to push through an economic reform policy than a unity government. It is also questionable how decisive it could be in pursuing new political directions, especially on negotiations concerning the territories.

In sum, the verdict of the voters has made possible indecisive government. Whether it will also make possible decisive government will not simply be a matter of coalition negotiation, but will depend on the courage and the will of the leaders that will take the reins.

A divided nation remains divided. It has now transferred that problem back to the parties to sort out as best they can.

## ALIGNMENT

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add his two votes, there would be a "blocking vote" against a Likud-led coalition.

Last night, however, there had been no indication from Weizman that he would be prepared to cooperate in such a "block" alongside the Communists.

If he were, and the Likud were thwarted, then several of the other small parties would presumably be willing to join with Labour in a coalition - since the option of joining a Likud-led coalition would no longer be available.

Weizman's position could be pivotal because his two votes might well be required in any Likud effort to reach the magic figure of 61.

To go by pre-election pronouncements, such an alliance must be deemed unlikely: Weizman has said he would not sit in a cabinet with Tehiya, and the ultra-rightist party has replied in the same coin.

Last night, indeed, Tehiya ideologue Shmuel Katz said he would prefer to see a Labour-led government set up than to be part of a coalition "dependent on Ezer Weizman."

Without Weizman, Likud would have difficulty reaching 60 seats - even with the inclusion of Rabbi Kahane's Kach, which the exit poll gave one seat, an undesired addition.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, in an interview with *The Jerusalem Post* last week, said it was "altogether unlikely and unreasonable" that Likud would take Kach into a coalition "under any circumstances."

If Weizman holds aloof from either side, or if some other minor change in the map denies both Labour and Likud the possibility of forming a coalition, the prime minister's repeated call for a Labour-Likud unity government will inevitably recur with redoubled vigour.

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would not be back next time. Yitzhak Berman, Dror Zeigerman and two-thirds of the Tami contingent will be missing next time.

By 11.30 p.m., Minister without Portfolio Ariel Sharon had yet to appear at Likud headquarters. He was at the polls until 10 p.m., according to an aide.

Former prime minister Menachem Begin's son Binyamin Ze'ev told reporters his father had not voted "for personal reasons." He would not elaborate.

Justice Minister Moshe Nissim said the Likud would not join a coalition with Kach.

## Aloni feels 'fine'

"I think the Alignment will form the coalition, together with Ezer Weizman, Shinui, the CRM, and Rakah and that those parties together will have 61 seats. That is, if Shimon Peres plays his cards right, then he can play with the religious parties. But we have to wait and see," Aloni said.

# The low road

By YOSEF GOELL

ELECTION DAY is generally an occasion for singing the praises of the democratic system. And that is as it should be.

It is especially so when one contemplates Israel's dedication to democracy in the midst of a totally non-democratic Middle East. And in the comparative context of a world where barely two dozen of its 160 states are working democracies, there is cause to be filled with admiration.

It is not only because such a large number of Israelis feel constrained to vote. The official figures put the voting participation in past elections at 80 to 90 per cent. In fact, at least 10 per cent of the electorate consists of Israelis who have left Israel, in all likelihood for good, but still continue to be listed on the voter's roll. When one takes this into account, the effective rate of voter participation rises to more than 90 per cent.

The really impressive background to this phenomenon is that this dedication to democracy persists despite the fact that such a large number of Israeli voters come from totally non-democratic backgrounds, either from Communist (and some of our veterans from Tsarist) East Europe, and many others from the non-democratic Moslem and Arab worlds.

It is equally heartening that our politicians, especially in the mainline parties, are fully committed to the basic rules of the democratic game; that in the final analysis it is the voters who determine who should rule the nation.

This commitment was persuasively demonstrated in 1977 when power was transferred smoothly from a traumatized Labour Party which had ruled the country for 29 years, to the hands of the Likud.

True, there are non-democratic (or even anti-democratic) elements on the fringes. But these can safely be counted as marginal aberrations, at least for the present.

HAVING THUS sung the praises of Israel's electoral democracy, one cannot but express a deep sense of dismay at the insulating level of the

campaign that preceded the elections.

In contending for the popular imprimatur for the power to rule us, our political leaders, certainly in the two major blocs, consciously decided to cater, nay to pander, to the lowest common denominator among the people.

Mercifully, the politicians who commanded the public relations "experts" and the half-truth specialists who were hired to conduct the campaigns for the Likud and Labour, proved sensitive enough to public criticism to remove hired comedians from the television screens towards the end of the campaign. But there was still an obvious determination on the part of all not to engage in the issues.

IT IS THE small parties for the most part which proved to be the most responsible in this regard.

One of the objections to this determination to fudge the issues is admittedly esthetic (but what's wrong with esthetics?).

Rightly or wrongly, we Jews pride ourselves on being an intelligent, and even an intellectual, people. It is thus all the more galling that it is hard to think of many other democratic countries whose election campaign revolves so much around froth rather than substance.

Even in the U.S., which is the homeland of the tradition of electoral hoopla and froth, and from which our own self-styled experts claim to have copied the tenor of our recent campaigns, politicians running for national office rarely descend to the depths of meaninglessness which has characterized the noises made by the people who aspire to lead us in the coming four years.

Interestingly enough, the "lowest common denominator" television propaganda campaign seems not to have worked. All the polls have been telling us that respondents claim that not one of them has changed his mind as a result of the broadcasts. In this sense, the people proved smarter than their gimmick-seeking leaders.

The insult to our sense of what

we have a right to expect from our leaders and their attitude to us, the people, is very real. It expresses itself in a profound and widespread sense of cynicism towards all the political parties and their leaders.

Luckily, although it may sound paradoxical, it is nevertheless true that cynicism has not yet led to a sense of alienation from the system itself, although this is a danger that should not be written off for the future.

The sense of cynicism has had a serious effect on the polity in that it has abetted the growth of the "me-first" syndrome, so typical of Israel in the Likud years, and which stands in such contrast to the earlier Israeli ethos of widespread personal commitment to the public good.

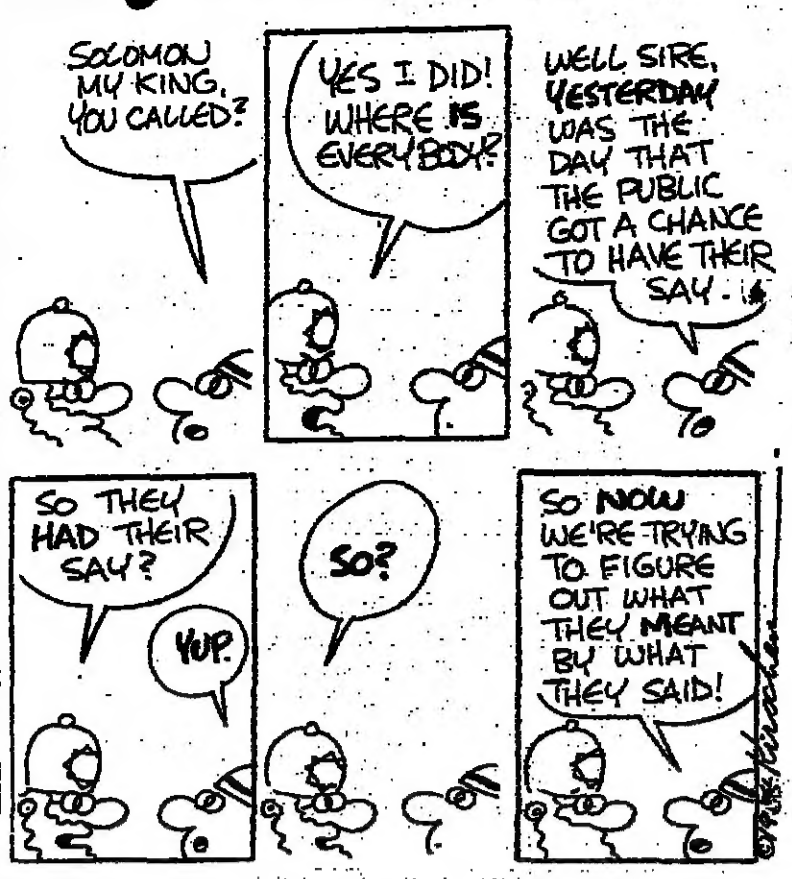
The problem is that politicians who insist on relating to their people as our leaders have treated us in this election campaign cannot expect to earn the public trust that is a precondition for the successful implementation of any major governmental policy.

THE EROSION of public trust in the leadership, exacerbated by the perfidy which was the *modus operandi* underlying the war in Lebanon, is a very real problem for any democratic society. It should profoundly concern anyone who aspires to lead us after these elections.

The way in which the campaign was conducted by both major parties contributed nothing to the essential rebuilding of the public's confidence in the country's leadership. The best evidence for this is the fact that so many voters seemed to vote for negative reasons: that is, their mental set was that of gritting their teeth, holding their nose, and voting for the lesser of the many evils.

The insulting level of the campaign also has a distinctly detrimental effect on the level of the people contemplating making politics their career. For some time now, the best among the Israelis have given active politics a wide berth because of the demeaning nature of politics, a phenomenon which was

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demonstrated again in this campaign.

It is not only the voters who were insulted, but also the serious and talented people among us whom we should be attracting to positions of leadership, both administrative and political.

PERHAPS THE MOST dejecting recent example of this dangerous trend to mediocrity, if not worse, in leadership was the case of the short-lived former director-general of the Treasury, Dr. Emanuel Sharon.

For all the difficulty of putting one's finger on an exact definition of what constitutes "the best," there can be little doubt that Dr. Sharon would be numbered among them. He quit after a few months in office because he was unwilling to go along with the sort of demeaning pandering to the election bribery that constituted "politics" at a time of acknowledged economic catastrophe.

The good news is that Israel is full of impressive people like Emanuel Sharon. But if the climate of politics - and of top-level political adminis-

tration - is not conducive to the flourishing of the Emanuel Sharon's among us, we will be left in the hands of opportunist timeservers.

Which, after all, is how the country has been looking lately. A hoary political cliché has it that every people deserves the leaders it gets. I disagree. We deserve much better. But the system we have developed, as manipulated in the hands of our political leaders of the past two decades, has not permitted us to get the better leaders we deserve - and need.

Whoever forms the next government should in no way interpret the election as a vote of no confidence in him, or his party. It was, rather, a vote of no confidence in the other side.

We should, perhaps, express the hope that the performance of the next government, in taking on the crises which confront us, will build confidence anew. There is a long way to go.

The writer is a member of The Jerusalem Post editorial staff.

## READERS' LETTERS

### AWARD CEREMONY IN HOLLAND

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*: Sir, - I just read in the gossip column in *The Jerusalem Post* of June 22, a vicious story about me written by Mark Segal. It seems to me that Mr. Segal succeeded to break quite a record. Not one single "fact" in the story was true:

1. I have never declined to "hold the annual Righteous Gentiles ceremony at the embassy."

2. It is not an "annual tradition." It is held several times every year, according to the need.

3. It is not held in the embassy, but at public premises around Holland.

4. It is not a ceremony for "Righteous Gentiles." It is the bestowing of the Yad Vashem personal awards to people who have saved the lives of Jews in the Second World War.

5. My wife and I have granted and continue to grant the awards to hundreds of those who so rightly deserve them. It is one of our best *hasbara* activities in Holland. We do it with great love and appreciation.

6. I have never complained to the Foreign Minister that I "cannot conduct the ceremonies," and self-evidently there was no place "to rebuke" the ambassador.

J. NEHUSHTAN  
The Ambassador of Israel  
to the Netherlands

The Hague.

Mark Segal comments:

Mr. Nehushtan's indignation notwithstanding, the Shakespearean quotation, "The lady doth protest too much, methinks," is fitting in this case. I can only mention as a fact which has been omitted by the Ambassador that Yad Vashem wrote to Foreign Minister Shamir offering to pay for the secretarial help, which he claimed he lacked, in despair after Mr. Nehushtan's complaint to Jerusalem on this matter.

### THE REFUSENIKS

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*

Sir, - May I impose upon the courtesies of your columns to say thank you, on behalf of all Jews who are active in the Soviet Jewry campaign, to Eitan and Alexandra Finkelshtein. This charming couple, who were only allowed to leave the Soviet Union six months ago, after a hard 13-year struggle, recently completed a strenuous speaking tour in Europe and the United Kingdom.

All those who listened to the Finkelshteins and who met them were impressed by their great sensitivity and courage. Not only did they describe their own long and often apparently hopeless struggle to leave the Soviet Union, but they also spoke out on behalf of the 10,000 and more refuseniks who are still trapped inside the Soviet Union.

Eitan Finkelshtein was particularly concerned that western Jewry should not forget the support Soviet Jews have received over many years from Academician Sakharov. He also appealed for greater public awareness of the five-year sentence, imposed two years ago, upon his Jewish friend Lev Schefer from Sverdlovsk (Schefer had already spent three years in prison in the 1970s).

The Finkelshteins also spoke very powerfully on behalf of the many thousand refuseniks whose names and cases are not well known in the West and who are not championed by any of the public campaigns, with the result that, being "more obscure," they face even more severe persecution.

Eitan and Alexandra Finkelshtein, who are now rebuilding their lives in Israel with their ten-year-old daughter Miriam, made great efforts to put across to their audiences the very real dangers confronting Soviet Jews today. Surely, it is the least we can do to echo and re-echo the pleas they made and to double and then re-double our own efforts on behalf of those whom they left behind.

MARTIN GILBERT  
London.

### JEWISH RESISTANCE IN HOLLAND

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*: Sir, - I refer to your report on June 28 on the award of the Yad Vashem medal to Mrs. Leesa Rose for the Hebrew translation of her book *The Tulips are Red*. While it is certainly true that Jews participated in anti-Nazi activities during World War II and belonged to certain resistance groups, it is not correct that, as was apparently stated at the ceremony, the various underground movements in Holland, following the country's liberal tradition, did not differentiate between Jews and Gentiles in their ranks.

Until the middle of 1944 it was impossible to speak of the Dutch resistance as a whole, since there were many different groups operating independently from each other, ranging from orthodox-Protestant to Communist, and from groups of intellectuals and artists in Amsterdam to paramilitary groups. Also, though

they were all anti-Nazi, they were so for diverse reasons. Some of these groups admitted Jews, other definitely did not.

Again, those groups which did not admit Jews acted for various reasons. Some, though strongly anti-Nazi, were at the same time anti-Jewish; paradoxically, the longer the Nazi occupation lasted, the more Jews were deported and the less remained, and the more anti-Semitism increased. But other groups understandably refused to admit Jews because this was too risky. Jews always stood a chance of being arrested for being Jews. If a Jew was a member of an underground group there was always a risk that, under torture, he or she might disclose his or her links with that group, and thus endanger the lives of all its members.

HENRIETTE BOAS  
Badhoevedorp, Holland.

### NABLUS CENTRE

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*: Sir, - I wish to protest against the continued presence of the Iron and concrete barricades which the Israeli army erected more than one year ago in the centre of Nablus.

Living under occupation is disruption enough without the added inconvenience of these barricades, which disrupt life even more.

These barricades were designed to stop Palestinian youths from throwing stones. Now, Palestinians who throw stones and are caught are sentenced to possibly 20 years in prison - surely punishment enough.

Why then continue to blockade and inconvenience the people of Nablus?

ROSE JOSHUA  
President, Hadassah-Israel  
Jerusalem.

EHTHAL KHAYYAT  
Nablus.

### ANCIENT WATER-POWER INSTALLATIONS

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*:

Sir, - The recent article in your paper on Professor Thorkild Scholer and his research on ancient water wheels and water mills made fascinating reading. Especially intriguing was his suggestion that the water mill may have been invented in this region of the world and possibly in this country.

It may not be generally known, but the distinguished Israeli scholar, Professor Shmuel Avitsur, has been investigating ancient water-power installations in this country over the last 30 years. He has published extensively on the subject, his research showing that the water mill was indeed invented in this part of the world, while the later improvement - the *araba*-penstock mill with horizontal wheel - remained unique to the region of Eretz Yisrael during ancient and recent times.

Unfortunately, Professor Avitsur's books and articles were published only in Hebrew (generally without English summaries) and therefore only rarely came to international notice. Hopefully this shortcoming will be remedied fairly soon when the English translation of his important "Atlas of tools and work installations" appears. This contains a substantial chapter on water-power installations in this country, including the unique *araba*-penstock mills.

E. HEINEMANN  
Tel Aviv.

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